

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2018

**Chad J. Courville
Chairman**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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AGENDA
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

January 4, 2018 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Adoption of December 7, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes
5. Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege
6. Enforcement Report, December 2017
7. Consider Notice of Intent for the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2018-2019 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2018-2020 hunting seasons, the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the turkey season, the turkey hunting areas, and seasons, and bag limits for the 2019 turkey season, and the migratory bird seasons, regulations, and bag limits for the 2018-2020 hunting season – Tommy Tuma, Director, Habitat Stewardship and Operations
8. Update on the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force – Dr. Kim Tolson, Chairwoman
9. Consider Notice of Intent for feral hog transport rule – Dr. Jim LaCour, DVM, Wildlife Disease Program Manager
10. To Receive a Report on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Application for Red Snapper – Myron Fischer, Fisheries Biologist
11. To receive presentation from the Louisiana Charter Boat Association (LCBA) on the results of our survey of federally-permitted charter captains – Richard Fischer, LCBA Communications Manager
12. To consider authorizing the Chairperson to sign a support letter for the Louisiana Only Amendment for the January Gulf Council meeting – Chairman Courville
13. To consider authorizing the Chairperson to sign a support letter for the Louisiana Habitat Based Exempted Fishing Permit for the January Gulf Council meeting – Chairman Courville
14. Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman

15. Set May 2018 Commission Meeting Date
16. Receive Public Comments
17. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, January 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was **Called to Order** at 1:00 PM on January 4, 2018, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building in the Louisiana Room by **Chairman Chad J. Courville**.

Commissioner Smitko led the **Pledge of Allegiance** and then **Chairman Courville** asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of private prayer remembering the Department staff, especially those enforcement agents, law enforcement and military injured in the line of duty.

Chairman Courville asked for the **Roll Call**. The following Commissioners were present:

Chad Courville
Bill Hogan
Joe McPherson
Bart Yakupzack
Bobby Samanie
Jerri Smitko

Commissioner Al Sunseri was absent from the meeting.

Secretary Jack Montoucet was also present.

Chairman Courville called for **Adoption of December 7, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes**. **Commissioner Samanie** made a motion to adopt the December 7, 2017 minutes and was seconded by **Commissioner Yakupzack**. The motion passed with no opposition.

For **Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege**, **Chairman Courville** offered an opportunity to Secretary Montoucet. Secretary Montoucet introduced the newest Commission Member appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards, who he has spent a lot of time together in the legislature, Joe McPherson from Alexandria, Louisiana. **Chairman Courville** welcomed **Commissioner McPherson** to the Commission and looked forward to working with him.

Captain Edward Skena began the **Enforcement Report for December 2017** stating for the month of December there were 6 boating incidents with 2 fatalities and 1 injury. Also in December, there were 1105 written citations, 406 written warnings and 27 public assists. News releases discussed included citing 2 Plaquemines Parish mullet fishermen with taking commercial mullet during illegal hours; citing a Baskin man with taking over the legal limit of

antlered deer and failure to comply with deer tagging requirements in Franklin Parish; and citing a Plaquemines Parish man with taking spotted seatrout without a permit, selling fish caught recreationally, selling fish without a commercial fresh products license, taking commercial fish without a commercial gear license and selling game fish.

Chairman Courville announced the next agenda item, **Consider Notice of Intent for the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2018-2019 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2018-2020 hunting seasons, the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the turkey season, the turkey hunting areas, and seasons, and bag limits for the 2019 turkey season, and the migratory bird seasons, regulations, and bag limits for the 2018-2020 hunting season** would be handled by Mr. Tommy Tuma, Director, Habitat Stewardship and Operations. The presentation included a season structure change in Deer Area 9; boundary change for West Feliciana Parish from Area 4 to Area 6; prohibited use of drones on WMAs; addition of small game emphasis area to Tunica Hills WMA; added physically challenged wheelchair confined waterfowl hunts to Bayou Pierre and Russell Sage WMAs; clarified the means for camping on WMAs; clarified where camping can occur within WMAs; changed in the tire restriction on WMAs; reduced number of hunting days on Attakapas WMA; have additional opportunity for small game hunting with dogs on Bayou Macon and Bayou Pierre WMAs; allowed the use of yo-yos and trotlines on Big and Chain Lakes within Big Lake WMA; and prohibited the overnight mooring of vessels 50 foot or longer on Biloxi WMA. **Chairman Courville** asked what type of vessels were being talked about on Biloxi WMA and Mr. Lance Campbell answered it pertained to big offshore fishing vessels. Continuing on, Mr. Tuma discussed the limited access area on Boeuf WMA prohibiting the use of motorized vessels; added days that will allow the use of legal dogs for small game hunting on Boeuf WMA; reduced the number of days for deer youth lottery and physically challenged wheelchair bound hunters on Buckhorn WMA; adjusted dates for primitive weapon deer season on Clear Creek WMA; reduced number of days for deer youth lottery on Floy McElroy WMA; reduced number of days for deer either-sex primitive weapon on Grassy Lake WMA; allowed additional days for small game hunting with dogs and raccoon hunting days on J.C. Sonny Gilbert WMA; changed the deer season structure on Joyce WMA to be concurrent with Maurepas Swamp WMA; allowed additional days for small game hunting with dogs and raccoon hunting days also on Joyce, Little River and Loggy Bayou WMAs; eliminated antlerless harvest on Pass-a-Loutre WMA; reduced either-sex primitive weapon days on Richard K. Yancey WMA; established a limited access area on Russell Sage WMA as well as prohibited the use of motorized vessels on Wham Brake; added 5 days to the primitive firearms season and allowed additional days for small game hunting with dogs and raccoon hunting days on Russell Sage WMA; adjusted deer season dates to be later in the season and allowed additional days for small game hunting with dogs and raccoon hunting days on Sabine WMA; allowed additional days for small game hunting on Soda Lake WMA; and allowed recreational fishing after 10 AM during early teal season on Spring Bayou WMA. **Chairman Courville** asked if the Spring Bayou change was in response to public request and Mr. Tuma answered yes. Mr. Tuma continued his presentation mentioning that there will be an increase in the number of either sex modern firearm days on Thistlethwaite WMA; establishment of a small game emphasis area on Tunica Hills WMA to meet public request; and adjusted primitive weapons days on West Bay WMA. The only change in the turkey regulations would be adding a portion of St. Martin Parish to Area A turkey hunting. The change for the migratory bird bag limits was to increase the daily

bag limit for pintails from 1 to 2. Mr. Tuma noted the season information on federal lands would be presented at the next meeting along with the summary of public comments and any proposed amendments. Public hearings would be held throughout the state between February 19 and March 1, 2018 which would be announced as soon as they are completed. (A copy of Mr. Tuma's presentation and the Notice of Intent is included in the Appendices Section of the Minutes.)

Following the presentation, **Commissioner McPherson** asked about tagging antlered deer on DMAP lands and the regulation for the use of handguns. Mr. Tuma stated the information on DMAP tags was covered in a separate section of Title 76. **Chairman Courville** asked how would the public be made aware of these changes in particular to the season dates. Mr. Tuma stated the Notice of Intent would be posted on the Department's website and the specific dates would be presented during the public hearings.

Secretary Montoucet took the opportunity to introduce Representative Truck Gisclair, a member of the House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee who was in attendance at the meeting. **Chairman Courville** thanked Representative Gisclair for coming to the meeting.

Chairman Courville then asked for a motion on the hunting seasons and regulations as presented by Mr. Tuma. **Commissioner Smitko** made a motion to accept, seconded by **Commissioner McPherson** and unanimously approved.

Chairman Courville asked Dr. Kim Tolson, Chairwoman, to come forward for her agenda item, **Update on the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force**. Dr. Tolson stated this Task Force was created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 9 in 2016 and consists of 8 voting members and 3 non-voting members. The Task Force has been active for about a year and Dr. Tolson recognized and commended all of the members. Activities from the Task Force included election of officers, wrote and passed By-Laws, established meeting dates, formed ad hoc committees to research hunter based options on WMAs; investigated outreach options, hog trapping technology and transport regulations by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF). A top priority for the Task Force has been to address the transporting of feral hogs in Louisiana and all members of the Task Force voted to include in their Annual Report to strengthen the enforcement of feral hog transport violations. Other recommendations included in the Annual Report referred to the LDAF's permit system that would identify who would be transporting feral hogs; expanded the opportunity to take feral hogs on Department WMAs; and explored cost share options from USDA on aerial shooting of feral hogs. Also, based on the Task Force's recommendation, the Legislature during the 2016 Session passed HCR 62 that stipulates the Department and LDAF evaluate any hog toxicant prior to approval in Louisiana. The Task Force voted unanimously to support any investigations of biological control for feral hogs as well as submitted a comment to USDA APHIS Wildlife Services supporting a draft environmental assessment on a hog toxicant called Hoggone. Dr. Tolson then noted they have worked with the Department's Legal Section on developing a Notice of Intent on enforcing people found illegally transporting feral hogs.

Following the presentation, **Commissioner Smitko** asked Dr. Tolson what was the Task Force's position on hog toxicants and Dr. Tolson stated the Task Force wanted to evaluate the product

before it was put on the landscape. Then **Commissioner Smitko** asked if there was discussion to allow hog hunting on private lands with a recreational use immunity statute. Dr. Tolson mentioned the Department has been proactive in loosening restrictions on taking feral hogs but the liability has not been addressed. **Commissioner McPherson** felt there was a law on the books that would allow immunity from liability. **Chairman Courville** felt Commissioner Smitko's suggestion on immunity liability would be attractive to landowners.

The next agenda item, **Consider Notice of Intent for feral hog transport rule** by Dr. Jim LaCour, DVM, Wildlife Disease Program Manager was announced by **Chairman Courville**. Dr. LaCour began stating feral hogs are a big problem not only in Louisiana but throughout the southeastern United States. Feral hogs were in the Catahoula Lake Basin and the Pearl River Basin for hundreds of years but sport hunting encouraged people to transport these animals to other areas in the state. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's (LDAF) Board of Animal Health passed a rule banning the transport of live feral hogs without first obtaining a Feral Swine Authorized Transporter permit. These individuals can transport their hogs to an approved feral swine holding facility, quarantined feedlots, or state or federally inspected slaughter facility but they cannot be released into the wild. LDAF's definition of feral hogs was presented which Dr. LaCour felt was great. The proposed rule was to increase enforceability of LDAF's regulation since the Department has more agents available to see what was happening on the roads. If an individual was caught transporting hogs without the proper paperwork, the hogs would be confiscated and euthanized. (A copy of Dr. LaCour's presentation is included in the Appendices Section of the Minutes.)

Commissioner McPherson asked if there were any penalties besides disposing of the animals. Dr. LaCour stated it would be a Class 4 violation with fines from \$500 to \$900. **Chairman Courville** asked if these penalties were consistent with LDAF's penalties. Dr. LaCour stated their penalties were up to \$1,000. Assistant Secretary Randy Myers mentioned this was proposed as a Department rule and our agents would not be enforcing an LDAF rule. **Chairman Courville** asked if someone could receive dual violations and Dr. LaCour felt a violator could be cited by both departments.

Mr. Charles Williams, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, was in favor of the proposed rule but did not wish to speak.

Mrs. Rebecca Triche, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, explained the reasons for some proposed legislation that did not make it through the session. The Federation was happy to see the formation of the Task Force and commended their work and recommendations. Also, Ms. Triche added the Federation was in support of the proposed rule on illegal transporting. She felt a web page with information that landowners and others could see the regulations for transport and when these animals can be hunted would be beneficial.

There being no further comments, **Commissioner Samanie** made a motion to adopt the Notice of Intent and it was seconded by **Commissioner Hogan**. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Feral Hog Trapping (LAC 76:V.130)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to modify the Feral Hog Trapping regulations (LAC 76:V.130).

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§130. Feral Hog Trapping

A. Feral hogs may be trapped in cage or corral traps year-round by holders of a valid basic hunting license. Feral hogs may be captured by use of snares year-round by holders of a valid trapping license.

B. Cage or corral traps must have an opening in the top of the trap that is no smaller than 22 inches x 22 inches or 25 inches in diameter.

C. Feral hogs shall not be transported alive unless done so by a feral swine authorized transporter registered with the Board of Animal Health of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, who has proof of said registration in his/her possession.

1. Feral hogs being transported in violation of this Rule will be confiscated and disposed of in accordance with LDWF policy.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:34, R.S. 56:56, R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 38:1997 (August 2012), LR .

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the Final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic

Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S.49:973.

Provider Impact Statement

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

Written comments may be addressed to Jim LaCour, DVM, State Wildlife Veterinarian, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, PO Box 98000 Baton Rouge, LA 70898, or jlacour@wlf.la.gov, no later than 4:30 pm, March 2, 2018.

Chad J. Courville
Chairman

Chairman Courville then asked Mr. Myron Fischer, Fisheries Biologist to present his agenda item, **To Receive a Report on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Application for Red Snapper**. Mr. Fischer explained that an exempted fishing permit was a mechanism that lets the federal government allow activities that would otherwise be illegal. The National Marine Fisheries Service asked the 5 Gulf states to submit an EFP for a pilot program which included limited testing, data collection, exploratory fishing and other purposes but noting this would not be a substitute for management. This EFP would allow states to take the lead on management activities for reef fish on artificial reefs and encourage states to propose methods for monitoring abundances of fish. Louisiana's habitat based EFP was for red snapper only and would test a state management concept, the use and validation of real-time landings data and evaluate potential differences in effort and catch over hard structures offshore. Details of the EFP included: covering the years 2018 and 2019 and the entire coast out to 200 nautical miles; starting on the Friday before Memorial Day; the quota would be 743,000 pounds for private fishermen and 317,000 pounds for-hire fishermen; and monitoring would be through LA Creel, the ROLP website and smartphone app and federal for-hire captain's electronic logbook. When projected, the Secretary or Commission would have the authority to close the season if either component has landed or was approaching their quota. The use of descending devices would be encouraged for release of undersized fish. Participation is voluntary, but required a valid saltwater fishing license or Recreational Offshore Landing Permit (ROLP), the fisherman can be

domiciled in any state and required the vessel registration. EFP reporting would be voluntary and will test real-time electronic data reporting. Daily restrictions would be 16-inch size limit and 2 fish per day bag limit. The private angling season structure would be three-day weekends beginning on May 25, 2018 until the private angling quota was met and the federal for-hire season would begin on May 25, 2018 and run continuously until their quota was met. For the private anglers, there will need to be an angler responsible for reporting all data, and registering the trip date and location of landing. After a trip, the angler in charge would be responsible for reporting all data, location of the fishing activity, depth of water and whether your harvest came from an artificial reef, natural bottom or standing platform. The federal for-hire captains would report their trips through the Department's electronic logbook program. The Department and LSU would analyze the user supplied data through the smartphone application, the CLS America logbook program and the different habitat types. When the program concludes in 2020, the Department may make recommendations to the Commission on where and how to move forward. (A copy of Mr. Fischer's presentation is included in the Appendices Section of the Minutes.)

Mr. Daryl Carpenter, charter fisherman, asked who would be cited if a violation would occur on a boat, all fishermen or the angler in charge. Also he asked about the timeframe for recreational fishermen to report their intent to fish. With his main interest being charter boat fishing, Mr. Carpenter asked why were the captains being forced to use the CLS America VMS system. Mr. Fischer commented that if a vessel was on the water with no angler in charge, each person on the boat would be cited for their violation. On the log book issue, there has been talk of no-cost extensions for the federal for-hire boats. He noted this was the first opportunity for the public to speak and this draft permit would flush out more details in order to submit the final EFP within 2 weeks.

Commissioner Yakupzack asked if this EFP would be submitted to the Commission for approval or would it be sent without Commission's approval. Assistant Secretary Patrick Banks commented that the Commission's approval was not necessary but was presented to inform the Commission of the Department's research projects. He added that the Commission's letters of support would be great. However, if the project was approved by NOAA, the Department would use the framework to ask the Commission to set a season. **Commissioner Yakupzack** then asked if there was a chance of Louisiana having a season similar to last year and how would the EFP affect the season. Assistant Secretary Banks surmised that, since this was requested, there would not be a season this year. **Commissioner Yakupzack** lastly asked if this EFP did not go forward, would some of the requested information be added to the LA Creel system and Assistant Secretary Banks stated they were adding habitat specific questions to LA Creel. **Chairman Courville** asked when was this document due to NOAA and Mr. Fischer stated it was due during the morning hours on January 18th. **Chairman Courville** expressed his concerns on what is and what is not voluntary asking can he fish under this project by reporting through the LA Creel program. Mr. Fischer stated it would depend on the criteria that may be handed down as to what information would need to be reported. **Chairman Courville**, to understand, asked if he could still participate by enrolling in ROLP but would not have to report electronically and Assistant Secretary Banks stated that was correct. **Chairman Courville** wondered if he was required right now to respond to the socioeconomic questions and Assistant Secretary Banks wanted to review that information and get a response back to him. Then **Chairman Courville**

expressed his concern if he was a federally permitted charter boat and he signed up for the ROLP and wanted to participate in the study, does he have the option of reporting his landings only through LA Creel or was he required to report through the electronic logbook. Mr. Fischer stated that all reporting would be voluntary. **Chairman Courville** asked if the Department would have examples of descending devices on the website. Mr. Fischer felt it was an unenforceable item and the Department would try to educate the public through outreach. **Chairman Courville** then asked that an order of rank in evaluating the habitat be stated if possible. He also encouraged having another meeting before the due date in order to see the latest proposal in order to let the fishermen know what may be happening in the future. Assistant Secretary Banks disagreed with the Chairman and added that there has been talks with the Commission and stakeholders since the spring and the Department asked the federal government for all fish-all the people-all of the time and were told no, Louisiana could only use some of their people some of the time. The second EFP proposal would use 200 anglers some of the time and it was not well received. Now this proposal was back to the original of wanting all the people-all the fish-all of the time. **Chairman Courville** accepted Assistant Secretary Banks' response and felt now the details are out there but wished the process would have been started earlier. Secretary Montoucet explained that the federal government came to the Department at the end of October and staff immediately went to work putting this together. He added that the staff has been transparent when working with the Commission and public. The Secretary noted the proposal was to get more fish, more fishing time and more opportunities for fishermen to fish. With the short timeframe, the Secretary mentioned all comments would be considered and if a comment could be implemented to make this a better program, that would be done. **Chairman Courville** felt there was a need to reach out to all recreational fishermen and solicit their input. He then asked the outdoor writers to get this information to the public so the best feedback can be given to the Department and the best decisions can be made for the anglers of this state. Mr. Fischer explained the given timeframe which included holidays and felt now was the soonest this could be presented. In response to the Secretary's comment on "all of the fish" the numbers presented were "all of the fish" based on NMFS spreadsheet. **Chairman Courville** commented his questions were sincere and apologized if anyone took offense to them.

Mr. Daryl Carpenter asked what was his minimum requirement as a federal charter boat to fish in the program. Assistant Secretary Banks stated it was voluntary. **Chairman Courville** explained to Mr. Carpenter that he had several options: first – participate in the study, second – participate in the VMS, third – was to not participate in any program.

Chairman Courville thanked the staff for their work on this project and he looked forward to additional input from the anglers and staff with the refinement. He then congratulated the Department (current and previous administration) on getting LA Creel certified which will be the best data collection system in the country. Secretary Montoucet commented that the engineers for the LA Creel program were Mr. Harry Blanchet and Mr. Joey Shepard and he expressed his appreciation to them for a job well done.

Next **Chairman Courville** announced Mr. Richard Fischer, LCBA Communications Manager would present the agenda item, **To receive presentation from the Louisiana Charter Boat Association (LCBA) on the results of our survey of federally-permitted charter captains.** Mr. Fischer stated the goals of the survey were to get a clear picture on whether charter boat

captains wanted federal or state management and bring those results to the Department, Commission and Fishery Management Council. He then explained the reasons why this survey was important, important notes to understand and how the survey was conducted. All federally permitted captains believed to be active were invited to participate in the survey which included 59 captains that own a minimum of 81 permits. Thirty-five captains owning a minimum of 55 permits (which is half of the total federal permits in Louisiana) chose to participate in the study. Results showed that 77% of captains and 73% of permits were in favor of state management. The results were further explored and showed that 87% of LCBA captains and 89% of LCBA permits were in favor of state management while 88% of non-LCBA captains and 89% of non-LCBA permits were in favor of state management. Overall the preference from the survey was for state management. (A copy of Mr. Fischer's presentation is included in the Appendices Section of the Minutes.)

To consider authorizing the Chairperson to sign a support letter for the Louisiana Only Amendment for the January Gulf Council meeting began with **Chairman Courville** stating there is an upcoming Council Meeting in New Orleans at the end of the month. It's anticipated the state amendments would be hot topics at this meeting and he wanted to consider sending another letter of support. **Commissioner Smitko** made a motion to have the Chairman sign a letter of support and it was seconded by **Commissioner Yakupzack**. A public comment card from Mr. David Cresson indicated he did not wish to speak but was in favor of the proposal. Hearing no further comments, the motion passed with no opposition.

To consider authorizing the Chairperson to sign a support letter for the Louisiana Habitat Based Exempted Fishing Permit for the January Gulf Council meeting was initiated by **Chairman Courville** by stating that this proposal was discussed earlier in the meeting. He then felt the Commission would have to show some will to have a state season concurrent within the provisions of the EFP. **Chairman Courville** then asked if this proposal would be looked favorably upon by the Gulf Council and Assistant Secretary Banks hoped it would and explained that the Gulf Council does not have to vote to approve this proposal since NOAA can push it through. Assistant Secretary Banks felt a show of support was always helpful and appreciated. **Commissioner Hogan** made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for the EFP, seconded by **Commissioner McPherson** and unanimously approved with no further discussion.

Chairman Courville opened the floor for nominations to **Elect Chairman**. **Commissioner Hogan** nominated **Commissioner Samanie** for Chairman and with no further nominations **Commissioner Samanie** was declared Chairman. **Chairman Courville** then asked for nominations to **elect Vice Chairman**. **Commissioner Hogan** declined his nomination for Vice Chairman by **Commissioner Samanie**. Then **Commissioner Smitko** nominated **Commissioner Sunseri** for Vice Chairman and hearing no further nominations, he was declared Vice Chairman.

Next, **Commissioner Yakupzack** made a motion to **Set the May 2018 Commission Meeting Date** on May 3, 2018 beginning at 9:30 AM, seconded by **Commissioner Smitko** and approved with no opposition.

Chairman Courville then asked for **Public Comments**.

Representative Jerry "Truck" Gisclair, District 54, stated he has been getting a lot of questions from commercial crabbers on the modified crab closure. He noted there was talk about a complete crab closure for one month and 2017 was the first year to have this closure. The intent was to have this one-month closure for several years to study the positive effects and use the data to continue with the closure or take other action to save the crab population. Representative Gisclair was in favor of the one-month closure but now less than a year, the closure process has been changed. He added a lot of resistance was being felt from the fishermen on the change and mentioned several were at the meeting wanting to make their comments heard.

Representative Gisclair introduced Ms. Britney Breaux noting she was his appointment to the Crab Task Force. Ms. Breaux, Cut Off, stated they were against the two-month female crab closure since they do not have male crabs in her area that can be fished. She felt this closure would not save the crab population and coming from a hard winter she noted they would not be able to work during March and April. Ms. Breaux indicated this was a no win situation for her area and noted there was no data to back up the change. She wanted to stay with the one-month male and female crab closure.

Mr. Shawn Polkey, Cut Off, did not wish to speak but was against the two-month female crab closure.

Mr. Leonard Dufrene, Des Allemands, stated he has been a commercial fisherman since 1985 and was opposed to the two-month closure as he felt it would not solve the issue. Not only would this rule put some fishermen out of business but there could be an economic impact to businesses. The one-month closure this year took the fishermen two months to recover. Mr. Dufrene asked the staff to look at what was eating all of the crabs such as the red fish.

Mr. Al Cassagne, Grand Isle, felt there was a lot of miscommunication throughout this whole process. During the November Commission Meeting, he was told the public comment period on the proposed rule would end on November 30, then a letter would be sent to the House and Senate Committees. Mr. Cassagne took it upon himself to get signatures from crab fishermen opposed to the closure. If the House or Senate Committees does not have a hearing before January 7, he was told it would be a done deal. The Task Force discussed the Department's 2 options of one-month total closure or two-month female closure and went with the two-month female closure. Mr. Cassagne added there was no biological data that showed a one-month total closure equaled a two-month female closure. **Chairman Courville** asked Mr. Peyton Cagle to respond to Mr. Cassagne's comment. Mr. Cagle explained the miscommunication that occurred but noted the biology was there mentioning that over a 30-day time period 1.3 million crabs would be saved from a one-month closure and to save that same biomass would take a two-month closure for females. He then reported on the results from the Task Force meetings which by a vote of 6 to 3 was to recommend the two-month female restriction.

Representative Gisclair commented he spoke with Chairman Bishop of the House Natural Resources Committee and found out there was a 10-day notification period before a hearing could be held and it would fall outside of the Committee's window. The Representative took the blame and wished he had taken quicker action. He added the next step would be to address this

issue during the next Legislative Session. Mr. Cagle commented the letters to the Senate and House Committees were received on December 7, 2017.

Mr. Cassagne felt there would be a lot more controversy with the two-month closure since there has been snow days during December. He then asked the Department to have an item on the upcoming Crab Task Force meeting that would address something different for next year. Mr. Cassagne's recommendation was for a two-month closure but to have it during two separate months.

Commissioner Smitko asked if it would be effective in increasing biomass if the two-month female closure reduced harvest by 1.3 million pounds and then next year have a 1.3-million-pound closure on males. Mr. Cagle clarified that the females were more important since they breed once during their life cycle and spawn multiple times. **Commissioner Smitko** then asked if it was about reducing the actual pounds of catch and Mr. Cagle stated it was about reducing total harvest further explaining the activities of the Department and Task Force. **Commissioner Smitko** expressed appreciation from the crab fishermen for their input but the Crab Task Force was a process controlled and populated by crabbers. She further noted that the comments were complaining about the Commission following a directive from the Crab Task Force. For next year, **Commissioner Smitko** suggested starting with the Crab Task Force where it would be most effective and get the results wanted before bringing to the Commission. She went on record stating she was against the female only ban since it could not be enforced.

Commissioner Samanie asked if there was a third option to limit the number of crab traps and Mr. Cagle commented that was mentioned but it failed immediately.

Mr. Roy Borne, Jr., Golden Meadow, stated their issue was they were not informed on when the meetings were being held and what was going to be on the agenda. He felt that the actions taken did not allow for anything to be given a chance and everyone just jumped in. Back in the 1980's Department staff told Mr. Borne there should never be a season on crabs.

Representative Gisclair expressed appreciation for allowing the fishermen to make their comments and this issue would be addressed during the next Legislative Session. He added they want to keep the crab industry alive so they would be working/talking with the Crab Task Force and the Department.

Mr. Ronald Coco, Operation Game Thief, invited each Commissioner and Department staff to their annual meeting being held on January 27, 2018 in Baton Rouge. He noted they would have elections at their meeting as well and hoped to recruit additional board members.

There being no further business, **Commissioner Hogan** made a motion for **Adjournment** and it was unanimously approved.

APPENDICES



2018 Hunting Seasons and WMA Rules and Regulations Notice of Intent

Tommy Tuma | Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission Meeting |
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Resident Game Hunting Season (LAC 76:XIX.101 and 103)

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LAC 76:XIX.111

General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

Change in boundary to Area 4 to remove West Feliciana from Area 4. West Feliciana will now be in Area 6 and will follow that season structure. This change is proposed because harvest rates, lactation, breeding dates and browse indices east of US 61 are comparable to Area 6. The end result is shift in when the hunting occurs while adding an additional 15 days of archery.

4 Area 4

- a All of St. Helena and Washington Parishes are open.
- b Portions of the following parishes are also open.
 - i East Baton Rouge—all except that portion west of I-110 and west of US 61.
 - ii East Feliciana—east of US 61.
 - iii ~~West Feliciana—east of US 61.~~
 - iv ~~Livingston—north of I-12.~~
 - v ~~Tangipahoa—north of I-12.~~
 - vi ~~St. Tammany—all except that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA~~

22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.1.o.
General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

Prohibiting the use of Drones on WMAs. This is being done to eliminate potential conflicts among users and fair chase issues.

o. Operation of drones on WMAs is prohibited.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.4.k
General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

Addition of Small Game Emphasis Area to Tunica Hills WMA. This is to meet public requests.

k. Small Game Emphasis Areas. Specially designated areas on certain WMAs will allow small game hunting with dogs, confined to that specific area when the remainder of the WMA is restricted to still hunt only. Additionally, off season training of rabbit and bird dogs may be allowed on some of the small game emphasis areas. Small game emphasis areas are offered on Big Colewa Bayou, Bayou Macon, Bayou Pierre, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Marsh Bayou, Ouachita, Pomme de Terre, Richard K. Yancey, Russell Sage, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, Tunica Hills and Walnut Hill WMAs.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.5.g.
General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

Addition of PCHP wheelchair bound waterfowl blinds on Bayou Pierre and Russell Sage WMAs. This is to meet public requests. This will add additional opportunity currently not available on these 2 WMAs.

g. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer and Waterfowl Hunting Areas: special deer and waterfowl hunting areas, blinds and stands identified with LDWF logos, have been established for physically challenged hunter permit (PCHP) wheelchair confined hunters on WMAs. Hunters must obtain a PCHP permit and are required to make reservations to use blinds and stands. PCHP wheelchair hunting areas are available on Alexander State Forest, Bayou Pierre, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Floy McElroy, Fort Polk-Vernon, Maurepas Swamp, Russell Sage, Sandy Hollow, and Sherburne WMAs. Check WMA hunting schedules or call the LDWF field offices in Pineville, Lake Charles, Opelousas, Minden, Monroe or Hammond for information.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.6.a
General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

Addition of vessel language for allowable means of camping.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, vessels, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed 16 consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. At the end of the 16-day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities. Camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis unless otherwise specified.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.6.b

General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

Addition of language to clarify where camping can occur. This is being proposed to eliminate potential conflicts among uses/users.

b. Houseboats **and vessels utilized for recreational activities** are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs except on stream banks adjacent to **LDWF-owned** designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. Houseboats **and vessels** shall not impede navigation. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA houseboats may be moored by permit only in designated areas during hunting season. Permits are available by lottery annually or by five year lease through a bid program.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.9.b

General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

Changing tire size restriction on WMAs. This is to accommodate public requests.

b. *Utility Type Vehicle (UTV, also Utility Terrain Vehicle)*—any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, not legal for highway use, designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four or more low-pressure tires, with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-1900 pounds, length-128" and width-68". UTV tires are restricted to those no larger than **26 27** x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. UTV's are commonly referred to as side by sides and may include golf carts.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.a
Attakapas WMA

Reduction of available either sex modern firearm days from 3 to 2 and reduction of primitive firearms bucks only days from 7 to 2 for deer on Attakapas WMA. This change is intended to reduce the overall harvest on the WMA since we have measured low productivity on the WMA.

- (d). ~~Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.~~ Firearms Either-Sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days
- (e). Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.
- (f). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after next to last Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, Bucks only. Primitive Firearms (Bucks only): 3rd Saturday of January for 2 days.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.e
Bayou Macon WMA

Additional opportunity for small game hunting with dogs

- iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during firearms season and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan. the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to firearms either-sex deer, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.f
Bayou Pierre WMA

Additional opportunity for small game hunting with dogs

- iv. Other Small Game: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 1 Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.
- v. Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 1 Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.h
Big Lake WMA

Allowance for use of yo-yo's and trot lines for fishing in Big and Chain Lakes on Big Lake WMA.

- vi. Sport Fishing: Nets, yoyos, and trotlines prohibited on Big and Chain Lakes. Yoyos and trotlines allowed on Big and Chain Lakes.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.i.
Biloxi WMA

Prohibition on overnight mooring of vessels 50 foot or longer.

i. Biloxi. Self-Clearing Permits not required. Vessels/Vehicles: All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels can only be powered by straight shaft "long-tail" air-cooled mud motors that are 25 total horsepower or less. All other types of mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels, including "surface-drive" boats, are prohibited. Overnight mooring of all vessels 50 feet in length or more is prohibited.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.k
Boeuf WMA

Establishment of Limited Access Areas for the Topan Unit and the Old Waterfowl Refuge on Boeuf WMA, prohibiting the use of motorized vessels. This is being done to meet public requests.

k. Boeuf. Area Closed: To all south of LA 4 EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when youth deer season is open. North of LA 4 open to all activities. Limited Access Area: No motorized vessels or vehicles allowed Nov. 1-Jan. 31.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.k Boeuf WMA

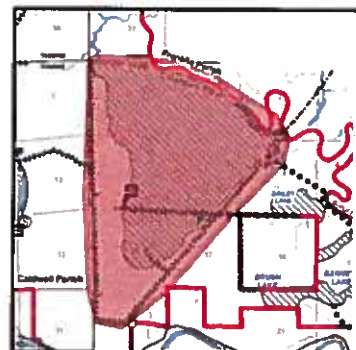
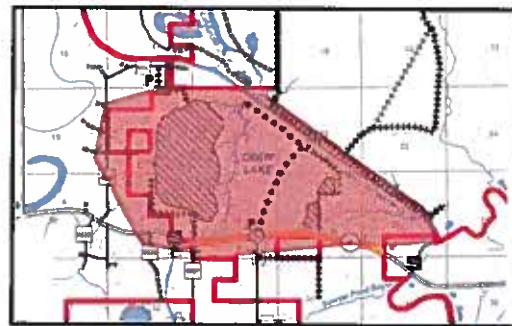
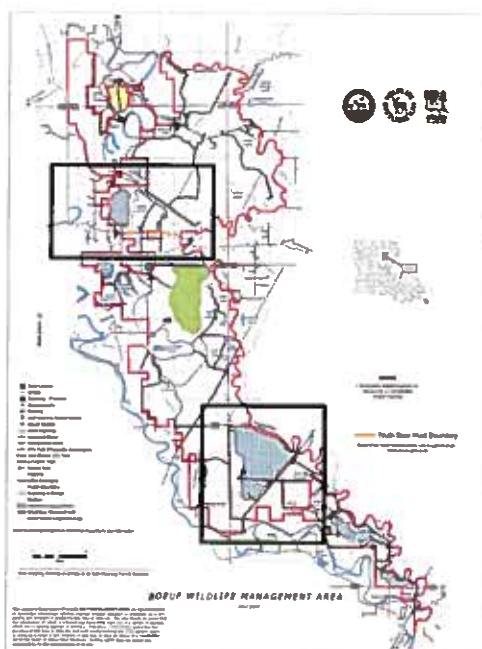
Addition of days that will allow the use of legal dogs for small game hunting and additional raccoon hunting days

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Deer Firearms Either-sex season, and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 4th Sat. of Jan. the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb. Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to Thanksgiving, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 4th Sat. of Jan. the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb.



Boeuf WMA Limited Access Areas



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.i
Buckhorn WMA

Reduction of deer youth lottery and PCHP Wheelchair bound opportunity on Buckhorn WMA

(g) Youth Lottery ~~Last consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Oct., 2nd Weekend in November, Fri., Sat. and Sun. following Thanksgiving,~~ 2nd weekend and last consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec. and 1st consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by pre-application lottery only.

(h) Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined ~~Last consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Oct., 2nd weekend in Nov., Fri., Sat. and Sun. following Thanksgiving,~~ 2nd & 3rd weekend of Dec. and 1st consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined. PCHP permittees only.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.o
Clear Creek WMA

Adjustment of dates for primitive weapon deer season on Clear Creek WMA.

(d) ~~Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after close of Primitive Season to Thanksgiving Day, and 2nd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1. Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after the last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.~~

(e) ~~Primitive Firearms: Mon. after 1st either-sex firearms weekend for 7 days. Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.~~



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.s
Floy Ward McElroy WMA

Reduction of deer youth lottery opportunity on Floy McElroy WMA and subsequent adjustment of BOW hunt.

(a) Youth Lottery: ~~Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, 2nd Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, 3rd Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, and 1st Sat. of Jan. for 2 days either-sex.~~ **2nd weekend and last consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec. and 1st consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan., either-sex.** Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

(c) Beyond Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) Lottery Deer Hunt: ~~2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex.~~ **Any weekend prior to youth lottery hunts and except weekend of Physically challenged wheel-chair hunt**



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.o
Grassy Lake WMA

Grassy Lake WMA-Reduction of deer either-sex primitive weapon days from 7 to 2 days and moving the Primitive weapon deer season from January to December. Due to a declining deer herd, low productivity, and low browse survey numbers we are proposing to reduce the either sex days while moving the primitive season would place it into advance of the rut.

(e). **Primitive Firearms (either-sex): 2nd Saturday of Dec. for 2 days.** ~~Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.~~



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.w
J.C. Sonny Gilbert WMA

Addition of days that will allow the use of legal dogs for small game hunting and additional raccoon hunting days

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT

CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting ~~Mon. closest to Jan. 15~~ the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime) ~~1st Sat. of Jan.~~ the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to last day of Feb.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.x
Joyce WMA

Changing the deer season structure to be concurrent with Maurepas Swamp WMA deer season. This change is being proposed due to similar habitats, deer biology, low deer harvest and public request

(b) Youth 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex. Youth: Same as outside.

(c) Firearms Either-sex, Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit. Firearms: Same as outside, still hunt only.

(d) Firearms Bucks Only, 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(e) Primitive Firearms (either-sex), 2nd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days and Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. for 7 days.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.x
Joyce WMA

Addition of days that will allow the use of legal dogs for small game hunting and additional raccoon hunting days.

ii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms ends to the last day of Feb.

(a) Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

All Other Game: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms ends to last day of Feb. -Raccoon (Nighttime) Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.aa
Little River WMA

Addition of days that will allow the use of legal dogs for small game hunting and additional raccoon hunting days.

iv. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.bb **Loggy Bayou WMA**

Addition of days that will allow the use of legal dogs for small game hunting and additional raccoon hunting days.

- ii Small Game and Waterfowl Same as outside EXCEPT youth hunt only on opening Saturday of first split of dove season (following regulations for Youth Deer Hunt on WMAs), and EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan - 1 Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.
- iii Raccoon (Nighttime) Jan - 1 Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.ff **Pass A Loutre WMA**

Elimination of antlerless harvest on Pass-A-Loutre WMA. A recent LDWF research project demonstrated that female survival on Pass-a-Loutre is near 50% which is dangerously low especially for a population in decline. Due to the results of this project we are recommending against future female harvest.

- i. Deer
 - (a). Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either sex. Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1- Feb. 15
 - (b). Youth Shotgun, either sex bucks only: second to last Sat in Oct. for 2 days.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.kk
Richard K. Yancey WMA

Reduction of deer either-sex primitive weapon days from 7 to 2 days.
Due to a declining deer herd, low productivity, and low browse survey numbers we are proposing to reduce the either sex days.

(f). Primitive Firearms (Either-Sex): 2nd

Saturday in December for 2 days. Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms

bucks-only season ends for 7 days.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.II
Russell Sage WMA

Establishment of Limited Access Areas for all waterfowl impoundments EXCEPT Wham Brake on Russell Sage WMA, prohibiting the use of motorized vessels. This is being done to meet public requests, and to provide different opportunity on the WMA.

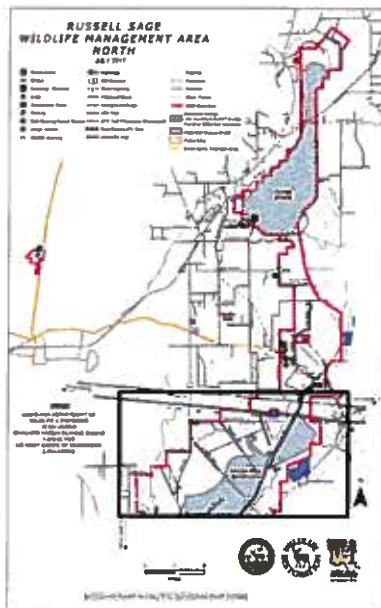
Limited Access Areas: motorized vessels and vehicles prohibited: Nov. 1-Jan. 31.

Establishment of rule to prohibit the use of motorized vessels on Wham Brake.

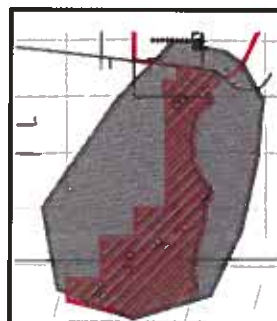
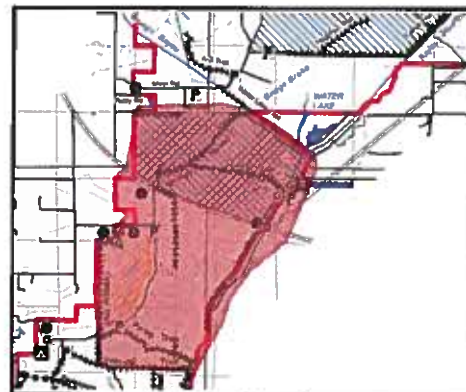
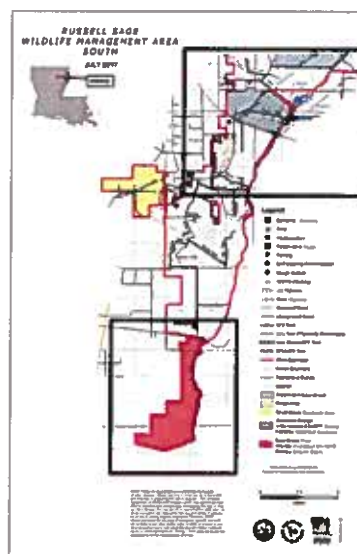
Wham Brake: September 1-Jan-31 all motorized vessels prohibited 2:00pm-4:00am, and all nighttime activities prohibited during open waterfowl season.



Russell Sage WMA North - Limited Access Areas



Russell Sage WMA South Limited Access Areas



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.II
Russell Sage WMA

Addition of 5 days to the deer Primitive Firearms Season. This will have a positive impact on the users as they will have more opportunity to harvest a deer with a primitive weapon.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14

days.

(e) Primitive Firearms: ~~1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.~~

Monday after Firearms Bucks Only season for 7 days.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.II
Russell Sage WMA

Addition of days that will allow the use of legal dogs for small game and raccoon hunting.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED

during either-sex firearms deer seasons, except Wham Brake area and Pintail Alley area will remain open during either-sex firearms deer seasons, and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting ~~1st Sat. of Jan. the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive)~~ to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to Thanksgiving, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season. Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime) 1st Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and ~~4th Sat. of Jan. the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive)~~ to last day of Feb.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.mm
Sabine WMA

Adjustment of deer season(s) to make them later in the season. This will be more in line with season structure in similar Pine habitats.

- (b) Youth and Physically Challenged: ~~2nd 3rd~~ Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex
- (c) Firearms Either-sex: ~~Next to last~~ 4th Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check, Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-clearing Permit.
- (d) Firearms Bucks Only: ~~Last Sat. of Oct.~~ day after primitive firearm season to day before Thanksgiving Day First Sat. of December for 9 days.
- (e) Primitive Firearms: ~~1st Sat. of Dec. for 9 days. Monday after the 4th Sat. in Oct for 7 days.~~



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.mm
Sabine WMA

Addition of days that will allow the use of legal dogs for small game and raccoon hunting.

- iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting ~~1st Sat. of Jan. Sat. before Christmas~~ to last day of Feb.
- iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): ~~1st Sat. of Jan. Sat. before Christmas~~ to last day of Feb.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.rr
Soda Lake WMA

Addition of days that will allow the use of legal dogs for small game hunting.

ii. Small Game: Portion West of Twelve Mile Bayou same as outside, falconry only and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, Falconry only. Portion east of Twelve Mile Bayou open same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel ~~1st Sat. of Jan. Sat.~~ before Christmas to end of Feb. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.ss
Spring Bayou WMA

Proposal to allow recreational fishing after 10:00am during early Teal Season.

v. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day and EXCEPT gill or trammel nets or the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Wildlife Field Office. CLOSED until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing ~~Same as outside EXCEPT only allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.~~
Same as outside EXCEPT only allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, EXCEPT during early TEAL SEASON, recreational fishing allowed after 10 a.m.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.uu Thistlethwaite WMA

Increase in the number of deer either sex days modern firearm from 5 to 14 days.

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Last Sat. of Oct. for 3 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: Monday after last Firearms Either-Sex for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Seasons 2018-2019 through 2021-2022 will be structured under the following seasons:

(a) Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

(b) Youth Deer Hunt: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c) Firearms Either-Sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, 1st Saturday of Dec. for 9 days, and

4th Saturday of Dec. for 2 days.

(d) Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 14 days, Monday after the last Either-Sex Firearm hunt

in Dec. for 14 days.

(e) Primitive Firearms (Either-Sex): 2nd Saturday in November for 2 days and Monday after close of

Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.vv Tunica Hills WMA

Establishment of a Small Game Emphasis Area on Tunica Hills WMA. This change is proposed to meet public request and demand, and provide additional small game opportunity on the WMA system.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Youth Deer Hunt and Primitive Firearms Deer

Hunt and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs, South Tract

only. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Youth Deer

Hunt and Primitive Firearms Deer Hunt and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days

with or without dogs, South Tract only. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 3rd Saturday of

Oct. for 7 days and Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis

Area (South Tract Only), training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.



LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.xx
West Bay WMA

Adjustment of dates for primitive weapon deer season on West Bay WMA. By doing so, the Primitive Season to be more in line with the first rut and hopefully harvest more deer off the area.

(d). ~~Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after close of Primitive Season to Thanksgiving Day, and 2nd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1. Firearms Bucks Only: Day after firearms either-sex season in Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.~~

(e). ~~Primitive Firearms: Mon. after 1st either-sex firearms weekend for 7 days. Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.~~



General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations (LAC
76:XIX.113)



LAC 76:XIX.113
General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

Addition of a piece of St. Martin Parish into Area A for Turkey hunting. This addition will provide turkey hunting opportunity in an area that did not historically allow turkey hunting.

- xv. Upper St. Martin—all within the Atchafalaya Basin; in addition,
that area bounded on the North by LA 352; on the West by LA 349, to LA
3039, to LA 347, to the Catahoula Hwy. (LA 96), to LA 679, to LA 345;
and on the South by LA 3242;



Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits
(LAC 76:XIX.117)



LAC 76:XIX.117.A. **Waterfowl Bag Limits**

Change in daily bag limit for Pintail from one to 2.

- Mandated by the USFWS.



Public Hearings and Public Comments

- Public hearings to be held between the dates of February 19 and March 1, 2018.
- Dates and locations to be announced via LDWF news release.
- Public Comments will be accepted through 9:00 pm, March 1, 2018.
- All comments can be provided to:

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission proposes to amend the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2018-2019 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2018-2020 hunting seasons, the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the turkey season, the turkey hunting areas, and seasons, and bag limits for the 2019 turkey season, and the migratory bird seasons, regulations, and bag limits for the 2018-2020 hunting season.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

A. The resident game hunting season regulations have been adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the regulations pamphlet may be obtained from the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1253 (July 2006), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR

34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2206 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 39:2307 (August 2013), LR 40:1534 (August 2014), LR 41:958 (May 2015), LR 42:1107 (July 2016), LR 44: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals

- A. Shooting Hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for Seasons or Specific Regulations on Wildlife

Management Areas or Specific Localities

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	OPENS: 3rd Saturday of November CLOSES: Last Day of February	10	30
Rabbit and Squirrel	OPENS: 1st Saturday of October CLOSES: Last Day of February	8	24
Squirrel*	OPENS: 1st Saturday of May for 23 days	3	9
Deer <u>2017-2019</u> <u>2018-2020</u>	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless	Deer Areas 1,2,3,5,6,7,8, and 9 6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 antlerless deer). Deer Area 4 limit

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
		(when legal)	3/season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer). Deer Area 10 limit 3/season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer).

*NOTE: Spring squirrel season is closed on the Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property. Some state wildlife management areas will be open, check WMA season schedule.

C. Deer Hunting Schedule ~~2017-2018~~ 2018-2019

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			<p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	
2	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 7 days.</p>	<p>OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years</p>	<p>OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs.</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years
3	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days	OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days.
4	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.	CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.
5	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY) OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)	5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)	SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)
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Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
	CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.
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8	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.	OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days.

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		<p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>		
9	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15</p> <p>(1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>(BUCKS ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		<p><u>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd</u> <u>Sat. of Nov.</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: Mon. after next</u> <u>to last Sun. of Jan.</u></p> <p><u>Bucks Only</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Last day of</u> <u>Jan. Bucks Only</u></p>	<p><u>OPENS: Sat. before</u> <u>Thanksgiving Day</u></p> <p><u>EXCEPT when there are</u> <u>5 Sats. in Nov., then it</u> <u>will open on the 3rd Sat.</u> <u>of Nov.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Sunday of the</u> <u>same weekend.</u></p> <p><u>EITHER SEX:</u></p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p><u>OPENS: Sat. before</u> <u>Christmas.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Sun. before</u> <u>Christmas.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Sun. after</u> <u>Christmas. (EITHER</u> <u>SEX)</u></p> <p><u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. in</u> <u>Jan.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Sun. after</u> <u>2nd Sat. in Jan.</u> <u>(EITHER SEX)</u></p>
10	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.</p> <p>CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 37 days</p>	

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.		

D. Deer Hunting Schedule ~~2018-2019~~ 2019-2020

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p>
2	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p>	<p>OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct.</p>	<p>OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct.</p>	<p>OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
	CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan. CLOSES: After 7 days.	CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years
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		CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days	
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5	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.</p>

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Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			<p><u>CLOSES: Sunday of the same weekend.</u></p> <p><u>EITHER SEX:</u></p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day.</p> <p>(EITHER SEX)</p>	<p><u>OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan.</u></p> <p><u>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan.</u></p> <p><u>(EITHER SEX)</u></p>
10	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.</p> <p>CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 37 days</p>	

E. Farm-raised white-tailed deer on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. archery, firearm, primitive firearms—October 1-January 31 (either-sex).

F. Exotics on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. either sex—no closed season.

G. Spring squirrel hunting:

1. season dates—opens 1st Saturday of May for 23 days;

2. closed areas:

- a. Kisatchie National Forest, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers property and all WMAs except as provided in Paragraph 3 below;

3. wildlife management area schedule—opens first Saturday of May for nine days on all WMAs except Fort Polk, Peason Ridge, Camp Beauregard, Pass-a-Loutre and Salvador. Dogs are allowed during this season for squirrel hunting;

4. limits—daily bag limit is three and possession limit is nine.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, R.S. 56:109(B) and R.S. 56:141(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1521 (August 2003), amended LR 30:1494 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1254 (July 2006), LR 33:115 (January 2007), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 35:2856 (December 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2207 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012),

LR 39:2307 (August 2013), LR 40:1535 (August 2014), LR 41:958 (May 2015), LR 42:1108 (July 2016), LR 43:1420 (July 2017), LR 44: .

§105. Physically Challenged Hunters Permit

A. Definitions

ATV—an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight—750 lbs.; length—85"; width—48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 26x12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 12 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

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AUTHORITY NOTE:Promulgated in accordance with Act 1226 of the 1995 Louisiana Legislative Session.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:856 (September 1996), amended LR 34:1444 (July 2008), LR 36:2051 (September 2010), LR 44: .

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by sections 115 and 116 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to section 40.1 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the LDWF a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to turkey regulations.
2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is two per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be

required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through the last day of February, during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with a daily limit of five. Except nutria may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador/Timken, Pointe-Aux-Chenes and Pass-a-Loutre WMAs from September 1 to March 31. When taken with a shotgun, non-toxic shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" and wear a "hunter orange" cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted. Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal. Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. Trespassing upon private property for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the New Iberia office (337) 373-0032.

4. Blackbirds and Crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 1 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators

and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

5. Pheasant. Open concurrently with the quail season; no limit.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species may be taken except turkeys. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific falconry rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve, October 1-April 30, Pen-Raised Birds Only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific hunting preserve rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP rules. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with approved archery equipment or primitive firearms). Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP do not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters when legally tagged with DMAP tags. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

9. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics—for purposes of this Section means any animal of the family *Bovidae* (except the *Tribe Bovini* [cattle]) or *Cervidae* which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve. *Exotics* shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting—in its different tenses and for purposes of this Section means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside—for purposes of this Section means hunting on a supplemented hunting preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Supplemented Hunting Preserve—for purposes of this Section means any enclosure for which a current farm-raising license has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the LDWF and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-Tailed Deer—for purposes of this Rule means any animal of the species *Odocoileus virginianus* which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve.

b. Seasons:

- i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: consult the regulations pamphlet;
- ii. exotics: year round.

c. Methods of take:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;

ii. exotics: exotics may be taken with traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only and other approved primitive firearms.

d. Shooting hours:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag limit:

- i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: no limit.

f. Hunting licenses:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: no person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed deer and exotics: each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

10. Bobcat. No person other than the holder of a valid big game license may take or possess bobcat, except licensed trappers who may take or possess bobcat during the open trapping season. A big game licensee shall only take bobcat during the time period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset with approved archery equipment, shotgun, muzzleloader or centerfire firearm. A big game licensee shall not take more than one bobcat per calendar year. This regulation applies only to property that is privately owned, state WMAs, Kisatchie National Forest, and the Bayou des Ourses, Bodcau, Bonnet Carre, and Indian Bayou tracts owned by the Corps of Engineers, but does not apply to state wildlife refuges, or other federally owned refuges and lands. On state WMAs and Kisatchie National Forest, the take of bobcat is restricted to those open seasons on the WMAs which require the respective legal weapons noted above.

D. Hunting—General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969, shall hunt unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, except any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the LDWF main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person under 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he/she is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person who was born before September 1, 1969, and has

a valid hunting license or who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey license is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of Taking Resident Game Birds and Quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited, placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than .22 caliber, any centerfire firearm, or a muzzleloading firearm larger than .36 caliber. It shall be legal to hunt or take squirrels, rabbits, and outlaw quadrupeds with air rifles.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or

where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

d. No person shall take or kill any game bird or wild quadruped with a firearm fitted with an infrared sight, laser sight, or except as provided in R.S. 56:116(A)(8) any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target, or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night [R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3)].

6. Nuisance Animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means except that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the LDWF, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found depredating commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the LDWF. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local region office for details.

7. Threatened and endangered species: ~~Louisiana black bear~~, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle,

peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Atwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Outlaw Quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, feral hogs, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase only when using dogs during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only seasons for deer. Foxes are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

9. Nighttime Take of Nuisance Animals and Outlaw Quadrupeds. On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written permission from the landowner and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take outlaw quadrupeds (coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs), nutria, or beaver during the nighttime hours from one-half hour after official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the last day of August of that same year. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. In addition, pursuant to R.S. 56:116(D)(3) any person who is authorized to possess a firearm suppressor may use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor when taking outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of the paragraph, within 24 hours prior to the attempted taking, shall notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located and the LDWF

Enforcement Division by calling (800) 442-2511 of their intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provision of this Paragraph.

10. Hunting and/or Discharging Firearms on Public Roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds while on a public road or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and public road rights-of-way is prohibited.

11. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with approved archery and primitive firearms, and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

12. Sex Identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head or sex organs, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the state of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. Prior to hunting deer, all deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain deer tags and have in possession when hunting deer. Immediately upon harvesting a deer, the hunter must tag the deer with the appropriate carcass tag and document the kill on the deer tag license. Within 72 hours of the kill, the hunter must validate the kill. Hunters harvesting deer on DMAP lands can validate deer per instructions by LDWF using the DMAP harvest data sheets. Hunters on WMAS can validate deer during mandatory deer check hunts, when deer check stations are in operation. Hunters may validate deer by calling the validation toll free number or using the validation website.

2. ~~2017-2018~~ 2018-2019 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest , Indian Bayou Area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

3. ~~2018-2019~~ 2019-2020 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

4. A legal antlered deer is a deer with at least one visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing antlerless deer is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

5. *Either-sex deer* is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

6. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

7. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

8. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

9. It is illegal to take deer while deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a boat with motor attached in operating position; however the restriction in this Paragraph shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs.

10. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

11. Primitive Firearms Season: Still Hunt Only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Primitive firearms license is required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas except as otherwise specified.

a. Legal Firearms for Primitive Firearms Season

i. Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball, shot, or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

ii. Single shot, breech loading rifles or single shot, breech loading pistols, .35 caliber or larger, having an exposed hammer, that use metallic cartridges loaded either with black powder or modern smokeless powder, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

iii. Single shot, breech loading shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, having an exposed hammer, loaded with buckshot or slug.

iv. Youths 17 or younger may hunt deer with any legal weapon during the primitive firearms season in each deer hunting area.

12. Archery Season. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex

deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting except when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, and except in areas 6 and 9 from October 1-15. Archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (see schedule).

a. Bow and Arrow Regulations. Traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means will be a legal means of take for all properly licensed hunters. Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened broadhead points. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and may not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow or arrows with explosive tips;

(b). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds;

(c). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared, laser sight, electrically-operated sight or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night (does not include non-projecting red dot sights) [R.S. 56:116.1.B.(4)].

13. Hunter Orange or blaze pink. Any person hunting any wildlife during the open gun deer hunting season and possessing buckshot, slugs, a primitive firearm, or a centerfire rifle shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink". Persons hunting on privately owned land may wear a hunter

orange or blaze pink cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned or to archery deer hunters hunting on lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange or blaze pink cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. Warning: deer hunters are cautioned to watch for persons hunting other game or engaged in activities not requiring "hunter orange" or "blaze pink".

14. Physically Challenged Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex): first Saturday of October for two days. Restricted to individuals with physically challenged hunter permit.

15. Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex). Areas 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9: last Saturday of October for seven days; area 2: second Saturday of October for seven days; and areas 3, 7, 8 and 10: fourth Saturday of September for seven days. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. Except properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully

completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. One of the following must be carried by veterans while hunting:

- a. Louisiana OMV issued U.S. Veterans Driver's License; or
- b. U.S. Department of Defense Form 214 or one of the following

DD_214 equivalents:

- i. pre DD 214 era documents (1941_1950):

- (a). WE AGO (war department adjutant general) forms, to include WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53_55;

- (b). JAVPERS (naval personnel) discharge documents, to include NAVPERS 553, NAVMC78PD, NAVCG 553;

- ii. National Personnel Records Center NPRC "statement of service," issued as a result of a destroyed discharge record during the 1973 National Archives fire;

- iii. National Guard/Air National Guard must have NGB_22 with 6 or more years of service.

F. Description of Areas, 2017-2019 2018-2020

1. Area 1

- a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas, West Carroll.

- b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

- i. Catahoula—east of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, east of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;

- ii. Grant—east of US 165 and south of LA 8;
 - iii. LaSalle—south of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, east of US 84 northward to LA 8, south of LA 8 eastward to parish line;
 - iv. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake;
 - v. Rapides—east of US 165 and north of Red River.
- c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:
- i. Catahoula—south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek;
 - ii. East Carroll—all;
 - iii. Franklin—all;
 - iv. Morehouse—east of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, east of LA 139 at Bastrop to junction of LA 593, east and north of LA 593 to Collinston, east of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and south of LA 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake;
 - v. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake;
 - vi. Richland—all;

vii. West Carroll.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn;

ii. except: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as area 2, except still hunting only for deer.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen—north of US 190 from parish line westward to Kinder, east of US 165 from Kinder northward to LA 10 at Oakdale, north of LA 10 from Oakdale westward to the parish line;

ii. Avoyelles—that portion west of I-49;

iii. Catahoula—west of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, west of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, north and west of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;

iv. Evangeline—all except the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;

v. Grant—all except that portion south of LA 8 and east of US 165;

vi. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190;

vii. LaSalle—north of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, west of US 84 northward to LA 8, north of LA 8 eastward to parish line;

viii. Morehouse—west of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, west of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, west and south of LA 593 to Collinston, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and north of LA 134 to Ouachita Parish line at Wham Brake;

ix. Ouachita—all except south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish line at Wham Brake;

x. Rapides—all except north of Red River and east of US 165, south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill, and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

xi. Vernon—north of LA 10 from the parish line westward to LA 113, south of LA 113 eastward to parish line. Also the portion north of LA 465 west of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville and north of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster—Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest (see Kisatchie National Forest regulations);

ii. Ouachita—east of Ouachita River;

iii. Rapides—west of US 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, west of I-49 southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to US 165, east of US 165 northward to US 167 at Alexandria. North of LA 465 from Vernon Parish line to LA 121, west of LA 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 to LA 118 (Mora Road), south and west of LA 118 to Natchitoches Parish line;

iv. Vernon—east of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to LA 465, east and north of LA 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

- i. Acadia—north of I-10;
- ii. Allen—west of US 165 and south of LA 10;
- iii. Beauregard—east of LA 27 from the parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line;
- iv. Calcasieu—east of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10;
- v. Jefferson Davis—north of I-10 and south of US 190;
- vi. Lafayette—west of I-49 and north of I-10;
- vii. Rapides—south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line;
- viii. St. Landry—west of US 167;

ix. Vernon—east of LA 113 to Pitkin, south of LA 10 to Allen Parish line, west and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

b. Still hunting only for portions of the following parishes:

i. Acadia—north of I-10;

ii. Allen—south of US 190 and west of LA 113;

iii. Beauregard—west of LA 113 and east of LA 27 from the parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu—east of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10;

v. Jefferson Davis—north of I-10 and south of US 190;

vi. Lafayette—west of I-49 and north of I-10;

vii. Rapides—south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line;

viii. St. Landry—west of US 167;

ix. Vernon—west and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of St. Helena and Washington Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. East Baton Rouge—all except that portion west of I-110 and west of US 61;

ii. East Feliciana—east of US 61;

~~iii. West Feliciana—east of US 61;~~

~~iv.~~ iii. Livingston—north of I-12;

~~v.~~ iv. Tangipahoa—north of I-12;

~~vi.~~ v. St. Tammany—all except that portion south of I-12, west of

LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge—east of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to LA 10, north of LA 10 from Thompson Creek to LA 67 at Clinton, west of LA 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line, south of Mississippi state line from LA 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of LA 67 from LA 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from LA 64 eastward to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to LA 64, north of LA 64 to LA 37 at Magnolia, east of LA 37 northward to LA 64 at Indian Mound, north of LA 64 from Indian Mound to LA 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of LA 67 from parish line north to LA 959, south of LA 959 east to LA 63, west of LA 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to LA 67;

ii. St. Helena—north of LA 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to LA 449, east and south of LA 449 from LA 16 at Pine Grove northward to Rohner Road, south of Rohner Road to LA 1045, south of LA 1045 to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from LA 1045 southward to LA 16 at Montpelier;

iii. Tangipahoa—that portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River to LA 1061 at Wilmer, east of LA 1061 to LA 440 at Bolivar, south of LA 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from LA 440 southward to LA 10;

iv. Washington and St. Tammany—east of LA 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to LA 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of LA 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany Parish line to the Tangipahoa Parish line, east of the Tangipahoa Parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with LA 25;

~~v. —West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois Central Railroad, north of Illinois Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.~~

5. Area 5

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. St. Martin Parish south of I-10 and east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

ii. Iberville Parish—south of I-10 and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

iii. Iberia Parish—east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

iv. St. Mary Parish—east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

v. high water benchmark closure. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville and St. Martin parishes south of I-10, west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, and north of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet msl at Butte LaRose, and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 17 feet msl at Butte LaRose. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville, St. Martin, St. Mary and Iberia parishes west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 15 feet msl at Butte LaRose, and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 14 feet msl at Butte LaRose.

6. Area 6

a. All of West Feliciana and Pointe Coupee Parish is open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles—all except that portion west of I-49;

ii. East Baton Rouge—that portion west of I-110 and west of

~~ii.~~ iii. Evangeline—that portion east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;

~~iii.~~ iv. Iberville—all north of I-10, and that portion south of I-10 at the Atchafalaya Basin protection levee south to Upper Grand River, then north of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then west of the Intracoastal Canal northward to Bayou Plaquemine, then north of Bayou Plaquemine to the Mississippi River;

~~iv.~~ v. Lafayette—north of I-10 and east of I-49;

~~v.~~ vi. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

~~vi.~~ vii. St. Landry—east of US 167;

~~vii.~~ viii. St. Martin—north of I-10;

~~viii.~~ ix. East Baton Rouge—west of I-110 and west of US 61;

~~ix.~~ West Feliciana—west of US 61;

x. East Feliciana—west of US 61;

xi. West Baton Rouge—north I-10.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles—north of LA 1 from Simmesport westward to LA 115 at Marksville, east of LA 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to LA 1 at Simmesport;

ii. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

iii. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia—south of LA 14 and west of US 90;

ii. St. Mary—all except that portion north of US 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River.

8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Beauregard—that portion west of LA 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of US 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

ii. Calcasieu—that portion west of LA 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of I-10 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.

9. Area 9

a. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia—east of US 90 and west of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and east of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

ii. Iberville—east of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal to Bayou Plaquemines, then south of Bayou Plaquemines to the Mississippi River;

iii. Lafayette—south of I-10 and east of US 90;

iv. Livingston—south of I-12;

v. St. Martin—west of the Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of I-10. East of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of I-10;

vi. St. Mary—east of US 90 from Iberia Parish line to the Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River except for portion within the East and West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levees;

vii. St. Tammany—that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain;

viii. Tangipahoa—south of I-12.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Iberville—east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Plaquemines—east of the Mississippi River;

iii. St. Bernard—all of the parish shall be still hunting only except that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre;

iv. St. John—south of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to US 51, east of US 51 from Pass Manchac to LA 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of LA 638 from US 51 to Lake Pontchartrain, west of Lake Pontchartrain from LA 638 to Pass Manchac.

10. Area 10

- a. All of Cameron and Vermillion Parishes are open.
- b. Portions of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Acadia—south of I-10;
 - ii. Calcasieu—south of I-10;
 - iii. Iberia—west of US 90 and north of LA 14;
 - iv. Jefferson Davis—south of I-10;
 - v. Lafayette—south of I-10 and west of Hwy 90.

G. WMA Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in *Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950*, section 109 of title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. WMA seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the LDWF secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates and hunting regulations applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF region office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (including but not limited to acorns and pecans), wild plants, non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) or any species of butterflies, skippers or moths is prohibited without a permit from the LDWF. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day.

i. Burning of marshes is prohibited. Hunting actively burning marsh is prohibited.

j. Nature Trails. Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

k. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

l. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

m. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, except that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and state seed grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

n. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

o. Operation of drones on WMAs is prohibited.

2. Permits

a. A WMA hunting permit is required for persons ages 18 through 59 to hunt on WMAs.

b. Self-Clearing Permits. A self-clearing permit is required for all activities (hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The self-clearing permit will consist of two portions: check in, check out. On WMAs where self-clearing permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA self-clearing permit from an information station. The check in portion must be completed and put in a permit box before each day's activity on the day of the activity (except if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA, users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The check-out

portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and must be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When mandatory deer checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. When mandatory check-in for deer seasons is specified on WMAs, hunters must check in at designated locations, and obtain a daily hunt permit. Self-clearing permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.

c. Persons using WMAs or other LDWF administered lands for any purpose must possess one of the following: a valid wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement. Also a self-clearing WMA permit, detailed above, may be required (available at most entrances to each WMA). Check individual WMA listings for exceptions.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth Deer Hunt. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact

with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult.

Contact the appropriate region office for maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

b. Youth Squirrel Hunt (on selected WMAs only). Only youths 17 or younger may hunt. Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, hogs and opossum may be taken. No dogs allowed. All other seasons will remain open to other hunters. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Self-clearing permits are required. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth squirrel hunts.

c. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the first or second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and/or Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

d. Physically Challenged Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering physically challenged seasons.

e. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. ~~All turkeys must be reported at self-clearing station.~~ Contact region offices for more details. ~~Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details.~~

f. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division office for more details.

g. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division office for more details.

h. Trapping. Consult annual trapping regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

i. Raccoon Hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs.

Nighttime Experimental—all nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Self-clearing permit required.

j. Sport Fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations except as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

k. Small Game Emphasis Areas. Specially designated areas on certain WMAs will allow small game hunting with dogs, confined to that specific area when the remainder of the WMA is restricted to still hunt only. Additionally, off season training of rabbit and bird dogs may be allowed on some of the small game emphasis areas. Small game emphasis areas are offered on Big Colewa Bayou, Bayou Macon, Bayou Pierre, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Marsh Bayou, Quachita, Pomme de Terre, Richard K. Yancey, Russell Sage, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, Tunica Hills and Walnut Hill WMAs.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms and crossbows cocked in the ready position are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas and except as may be permitted for authorized trappers.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons except on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping and except as allowed pursuant to R.S. 56:109(C) and R.S. 56:1691. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs except during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing. Active and retired law enforcement officers in compliance with POST requirements, federal law enforcement officers and holders of Louisiana concealed handgun permits or permit holders from a reciprocal state who are in compliance with all other state and federal firearms

regulations may possess firearms on WMAs provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purpose.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists except as specified under WMA listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. The following cannot be carried onto any WMA except during modern and primitive firearm deer seasons and during special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs (consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMA regulations):

i. centerfire rifles;

ii. centerfire break-action and centerfire bolt-action handguns;

iii. centerfire scoped handguns;

iv. shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs except as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or across, or hunting from designated roads, ATV/UTV trails, nature trails, hiking trails, and their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearms and primitive firearms deer seasons.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drives and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On WMAs the daily limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day, not to exceed the Deer Area limit for the Deer Area that a WMA is contained within (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting, hunting over bait, or possession of bait is prohibited on all WMAs, EXCEPT bait may be kept in a vehicle traversing a WMA road or parked on a WMA road. Bait is defined as any substance used to attract game via ingestion.

d. During mandatory deer check hunts, deer may not be skinned nor have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. Natural vegetation (including any material used as corner posts) is defined as natural branches that are 2 inches or less in diameter. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily. Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc., to attach to trees and are strictly prohibited. Deer stands may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are removed from trees, placed flat on the ground, and left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in

which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position). Also, all stands left must be legibly tagged with the user's name, address, phone number and LDWF ID number. No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer hunting on that WMA. Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use. Stands left will not reserve hunting sites for the owner or user. All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc., found unattended in a hunting position, not placed flat on the ground, or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by the LDWF. LDWF is not responsible for unattended stands left on an area.

g. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer and Waterfowl Hunting Areas: special deer and waterfowl hunting areas, blinds and stands identified with LDWF logos, have been established for physically challenged hunter permit (PCHP) wheelchair confined hunters on WMAs. Hunters must obtain a PCHP permit and are required to make reservations to use blinds and stands. PCHP wheelchair hunting areas are available on Alexander State Forest, Bayou Pierre, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Floy McElroy, Fort Polk-Vernon, Maurepas Swamp, Russell Sage, Sandy Hollow, and Sherburne WMAs. Check WMA hunting schedules or call the LDWF field offices in Pineville, Lake Charles, Opelousas, Minden, Monroe or Hammond for information.

h. Hunting from utility poles and structures, and oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the LDWF and disposed of by the LDWF. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

m. Horses and mules may be ridden on WMAs except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map, self-clearing permit is required. Organized trail rides prohibited except allowed by permit only on Camp Beauregard. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited except for quail hunting or as otherwise specified. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

n. All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) except waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters and hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit, squirrel and feral hogs are required to wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap. All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) except waterfowl hunters also must wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel and feral hogs. Also all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "hunter orange" or "blaze pink". Hunters participating in special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap.

o. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

p. Archery Season for Deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer except as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or physically challenged hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Primitive Firearms Season for Deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule. Except youths 17 or younger may use any legal weapon during the primitive firearm season.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, vessels, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed 16 consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. At the end of the 16-day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities. Camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis unless otherwise specified.

b. Houseboats and vessels utilized for recreational activities are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs except on stream banks adjacent to LDWF

~~owned~~ designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. Houseboats and vessels shall not impede navigation. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA houseboats may be moored by permit only in designated areas during hunting season. Permits are available by lottery annually or by five year lease through a bid program.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by state and federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area unless otherwise specified.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Trash must be contained at all times while camping.

h. Burning of trash is prohibited.

i. Glass containers prohibited on campgrounds.

j. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

k. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. For your safety, all oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas, refuges, or limited use areas unless otherwise specified.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, except for bird hunting and duck hunting, is experimental as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited except for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting, hog hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons. A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires are prohibited on a WMA.

b. *Utility Type Vehicle (UTV, also Utility Terrain Vehicle)*—any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, not legal for highway use, designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four or more low-pressure tires, with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-1900 pounds, length-128" and width-68". UTV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 27 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. UTV's are commonly referred to as side by sides and may include golf carts.

c. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination radius of 17 inches or more measured from the center of the hub and horizontal to ground are prohibited.

d. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within WMAs due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

e. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

f. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft, "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and refuges, except type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated within WMAs

from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day weekend, from sunrise to sunset only, and except personal water craft allowed on designated portions of Alexander State Forest WMA year-round. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. No person shall operate such water craft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

i. Licensed motorized vehicles (LMVs) legal for highway use, including motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads as indicated on WMA maps. UTVs are restricted to marked UTV trails only, except that those UTVs in which the manufacturer's specifications do not exceed the weight, length, width, and tire restrictions for ATVs are allowed on ATV trails. ATVs are restricted to marked ATV trails only when WMA roads are closed to LMVs, ATVs and UTVs may then use those roads when allowed. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

NOTE: Only ATV and UTV trails marked with signs and/or paint, and depicted on WMA maps are open for use.

j. Use of special ATV trails for physically challenged persons is restricted to ATV physically challenged permittees. Physically challenged ATV permittees are restricted to physically challenged ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA

maps or as marked by sign and/or paint. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special physically challenged trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Physically challenged persons under the age of 60 must apply for and obtain a physically challenged hunter program permit from the LDWF.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to physically challenged-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Entrances to ATV trails that are open all-year long-round will be marked with purple paint. The end of all ATV trails will be marked by red paint. WMA maps serve only as a general guide to the route of most ATV trails, therefore all signage and paint marking as previously described will be used to determine compliance. Deviation from this will constitute a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs except on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 4 a.m., except raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 except squirrel hunters are allowed to use ATV trails during the spring squirrel season on the WMA and except certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes and some ATV trails will be open all year long on certain WMAs.

n. Caution. Many LDWF-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads, unless specific signage otherwise allows or restricts.

o. Hunters are allowed to retrieve their own downed deer and hogs with the aid of an ATV except on Thistlethwaite, Sherburne, Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador, Timken, Lake Boeuf, and Biloxi WMAs under the following conditions:

i. no firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV;

ii. the retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV and one helper;

iii. ATVs may not be used to locate or search for wounded game or for any other purpose than retrieval of deer and hogs once they have been legally harvested and located;

iv. UTV's may not be used to retrieve downed deer or hogs.

10. Commercial Activities

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters. No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any WMA, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Except for licensed activities otherwise allowed by law, commercial activities are prohibited without a permit issued by the secretary of the LDWF.

c. Commercial Fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Gill nets or trammel nets and the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited on Spring Bayou WMA. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited except experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of LA 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Richard K. Yancey WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes, and Russell Sage WMAs except commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. WMAs Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons on certain WMAs (see WMA schedule) and except non-toxic shot, size 6 or smaller must be used for dove, rail, snipe, and gallinule. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited. Spring squirrel season with or without dogs: first Saturday of May for nine days. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMAs.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet.

Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs except for Atchafalaya Delta, Attakapas, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, and Salvador/Timken WMAs. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Feral hogs may be taken during any open hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, except take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, except feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, Clear Creek, Little River, Pass-a-Loutre, Pearl River, Sabine, Sabine Island, and West Bay and that portion of Dewey W. Wills north of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal by self-clearing permit. All hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions. During the February dog season hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress. Additionally, feral hogs may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs from February 16 through March 31 with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber. Additional requirements may be specified under individual WMAs, see regulation pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, except the turkey and spring squirrel seasons, take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds, with or without the use of electronic calls, is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after

January 1. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

17. WMAs Hunting Schedule and Regulations

~~a. Alexander State Forest. From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call (318) 487-5172 or (318) 487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires except in recreation areas.~~

~~b. ——— Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of LDWF. All terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited except as permitted for authorized WMA trappers. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.~~

~~c. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.~~

~~d. ——— Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.~~

~~e. Big Lake. Use of nets, yoyos, and trotlines prohibited on Big and Chain Lakes.~~

~~f. Biloxi. ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels can only be powered by straight shaft "long tail" air-cooled mud motors that are 25 total horsepower or less on the WMA. All other types of mud boats or air~~

~~cooled-propulsion vessels (including “surface-drive” boats) are prohibited. All ATVs, UTVs, and motorcycles are prohibited.~~

~~g.———Bodeau towable watersports not allowed in Ivan Lake. Nets and traps prohibited on Ivan Lake.~~

~~h.———Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the LDWF field office for specific details.~~

~~———i.———Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Limited access area, no motorized vessels or vehicles allowed from November through January. Road Closures: Hunt Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gage (available at [http://rivergages.mvr.usace.](http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=CE7F3AA4&fid=&dt=S)~~

~~army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=CE7F3AA4&fid=&dt=S) reach 45.0 ft. msl, and will reopen when water levels recede to 43.0 ft. msl; Muddy Bayou Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gage (available at [http://rivergages.mvr.usace.](http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=CE7F3AA4&fid=&dt=S)~~

~~S) reach 42.0 ft. msl and will reopen when water levels recede to 40.0 msl; and Sandy Bayou Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gage (available at [http://rivergages.mvr.usace.](http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=CE7F3AA4&fid=&dt=S)~~

~~army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=CE7F3AA4&fid=&dt=S) reach 42.0 ft. msl and will reopen when water levels recede to 40.0 msl.~~

~~j.———Elbow Slough. Non-toxic shot (minimum size #6) only for all hunting. All motorized vehicles prohibited.~~

~~k.———Elm Hall. No ATVs or UTVs allowed.~~

~~l. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. New special regulations apply to ATV users.~~

~~m. ——— Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted except on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas field office. No crawfishing traps or nets may be left overnight. No hunting in restricted area.~~

~~n. ——— Joyce. Swamp walk: closed between 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise, no loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.~~

~~o. ——— Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12 noon on all game, except deer may be hunted until one half hour after sunset. All nighttime activities prohibited. All terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited.~~

~~p. ——— Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only; all vehicles restricted to parish roads.~~

~~q. ——— Manchac. Crabs: no crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.~~

~~r. Maurepas Swamp. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of nature trail. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Benchmark closure: area closed to all deer hunting when USGS water level gauge CRMS 5373, available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/la/nwis/rt> is at or above 3.0 ft. msl and reopened to deer hunting when water levels recede to 2.5 ft. msl following a closure. Motorized vehicles prohibited on Crusel Tract (see WMA map for Crusel Tract).~~

~~s. Pass a Loutre. Commercial fishing: same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass a Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadre Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay,~~

~~Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass a Loutre WMA map. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. Operation of mud boats and air-cooled propulsion engines prohibited after 2 p.m. September through January, except allowed after 2:00 p.m. in South Pass, Pass a Loutre, Southeast Pass, Loomis Pass, Dennis Pass, and Cadro Pass. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.~~

~~t. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting except waterfowl will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of nature trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a fee. Crawfish: Commercial crawfishing prohibited. 100 pounds per person per day.~~

~~u. ——— Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.~~

~~v. Pointe aux Chenes. Parking of motorized vehicles on levees prohibited. Hunting until 12 noon on all game, except for mourning dove hunting and youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: gate will be open all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational fishing: shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. All~~

~~castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All boats powered by engines having total horsepower above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue, Grand Bayou Blue, St. Louis Canal and Bayou Pointe-aux-Chenes unless authorized by the LDWF. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the LDWF. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited.~~

~~w. — Pomme de Terre. Commercial fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, except closed during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas field office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport fishing: same as outside except allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: March 15-July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per person per day. No crawfishing traps or nets may be left overnight.~~

~~x. — Richard K. Yancey. Recreational Crawfishing: west of the Mississippi River Levee March 15-July 31. 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.~~

~~y. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. On Wham Brake, all nighttime activity prohibited during open waterfowl seasons. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 h.p. rating or less in the Greentree Reservoirs. Waterfowl refuge: north of LA 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping and ATV/UTV use during duck season including early teal season, except hunting allowed during waterfowl falconry season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.~~

~~NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, except still hunt only and except deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.~~

~~z. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.~~

~~aa. ——— Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for waterfowl. Recreational fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes~~

~~only and any commercial use is prohibited. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with more than four cylinders is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.~~

~~bb.——Sandy Hollow. Bird dog training: consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird dog field trials: permit required from Hammond field office. Horseback riding: self-clearing permit required. Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer except as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green-planted areas. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.~~

~~cc.——Sherburne. Crawfishing: recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complexes. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Opelousas field office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and pistol ranges open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only; contact hunter education office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.~~

~~NOTE: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne WMA will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.~~

~~dd.——Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited except archery hunting for deer and falconry. Closed to fishing west of Twelve Mile Bayou from October 1-March 31.~~

~~ee. — Spring Bayou. Commercial fishing: permitted Monday through Friday except slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day and except gill or trammel nets or the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas field office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport fishing: same as outside except allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only, limit 100 pounds per person per day. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.~~

~~ff. — Sonny J. C. Gilbert. Fishing restricted to rod and reel, and pole fishing only. All other gear prohibited.~~

~~gg. — Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs/UTVs are not allowed except as otherwise specified.~~

~~hh. — Thistlethwaite. All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only.~~

~~ii. — Tunica Hills. Camping limited to tents only in designated area.~~

a. Acadiana Conservation Corridor. Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities.

i. Archery only: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either sex.

ii. All other seasons CLOSED. No motorized vehicles allowed and no access via I-49 right-of-way.

b. Alexander State Forest. From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call 318-487-5172 or

318-487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Attaching stands to Red Cockaded Woodpecker cavity trees is prohibited. Cavity trees are marked with painted, double white bands. Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreational areas. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Minden or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

i. Deer:

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, bucks only.

(c). Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days; first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days. Mandatory Deer Check.

ii. Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during primitive firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 1st Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.

iii. Waterfowl: Same as outside. (Certain areas may be closed as posted).

c. Atchafalaya Delta. Self-Clearing Permit required for deer hunting, feral hog hunting and tent camping only. Self-clearing permits available from Main Delta campground, Wax Delta Campground, Cul-de-sac on Big Island, and Berwick Public Boat

Launch (Jesse Fontenot Boat Launch). Camping and houseboat mooring allowed ONLY in designated campgrounds. Houseboat mooring allowed by permit only (see Subparagraph G. 6. Camping b. for details). Limited Access Area: Operation of internal combustion engines prohibited from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

Vessels/Vehicles: Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion vessels powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules prohibited EXCEPT as permitted for authorized WMA trappers. Big Island: CLOSED to all activities during the month of October, EXCEPT LDWF Lottery Hunts.

i. Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 on Main Delta only (Big Island CLOSED during October); no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta. All harvested deer must be checked in at Atchafalaya Delta Headquarters.

ii. Deer Youth Lottery (either-sex): Oct. 14-15 & 21-22, daily youth hunt permit required. Call the New Iberia Field Office, Coastal and Nongame Resources Division, 337-373-0032 for details.

iii. Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT Rabbit Only:

(a). Wax Lake Delta: Oct. 7-31 and Feb. 1-28, with or without beagles. Nov. 1 - Jan. 31 without beagles only.

(b). Main Delta: Feb. 1-28, with or without beagles.

CLOSED October through January.

iv. Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT shooting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck season and 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season, and EXCEPT shooting hours are the same as outside for the Youth Hunt weekend.

v. Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters Oct.

1 - Feb. 28. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16 - March 31.

Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs. All harvested hogs must be checked in at the Atchafalaya Delta WMA headquarters.

d. Attakapas. Area CLOSED to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth deer season is open. Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

i. Deer:

(a). Deer hunting will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 15 feet msl at Butte LaRose and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 14 feet msl at Butte LaRose.

(b). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either sex.

(c). Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(d). ~~Firearms Either sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.~~ Firearms Either-Sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(f). ~~Primitive Firearms: Mon. after next to last Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, Bucks only.~~ Primitive Firearms (Bucks only): 3rd Saturday of January for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: Opening day of statewide season for 9 days, EXCEPT season will open for 10 days when statewide season opens on Good Friday.

iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT small game hunting CLOSED during either-sex modern firearms seasons CLOSED during youth deer seasons and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and ~~1st Sat. of Jan.~~ the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb.

e. Bayou Macon. Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days. All night activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

i. Deer:

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms: Sat. prior to Thanksgiving for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check, either-sex.

(d). Primitive Firearms: 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

ii. Turkey: General Lottery: Last Sat. of Area B season for 2 days.

iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during firearms season and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting ~~1st Sat. of Jan.~~ the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area,

beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to firearms either-sex deer, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

iv. Raccoon: (Nighttime): Sept. 1st for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

f. Bayou Pierre. Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing EXCEPT for archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs. Contact Minden Office, for details for lottery hunts listed below at 318-371-3050.

i. Deer:

(a). Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex. Archery hunting is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

ii. Dove: Same as outside.

iii. Waterfowl Lottery Only: (Designated Portion)

(a). Lottery Youth Hunt: Same as outside youth waterfowl hunt.

(b). General Lottery Hunt: 2nd weekend of 1st split and 1st and 4th weekends of 2nd split of the West Zone season.

iv. Other Small Game: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 1 Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

v. Raccoon (Nighttime): ~~Jan.-1~~ Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. Self-Clearing Permit not required. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Monroe or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, either-sex and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days, bucks only.

i. Deer:

(a). Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

ii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 1st to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to Thanksgiving, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

iii. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during the Youth Deer Hunt only on that portion of the area south of Big Lake and Crystal Roads. Remainder of area open for all activities.

i. Deer:

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Youth hunt on designated portion. See WMA map for specific location.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season closes for 14 days.

ii. Turkey: Opening day of statewide season for 16 days, EXCEPT season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens on Good Friday.

(a). Youth: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days, EXCEPT when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days.

iii. Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

iv. Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons.

v. Raccoon (Nighttime): the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

vi. Sport Fishing: ~~Nets, yoyos, and trotlines prohibited on Big and Chain Lakes.~~ Yoyos and trotlines allowed on Big and Chain Lakes.

i. Biloxi. Self-Clearing Permits not required. Vessels/Vehicles: All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels can only be powered by straight shaft "long-tail" air-cooled mud motors that are 25 total

horsepower or less. All other types of mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels, including “surface-drive” boats, are prohibited. Overnight mooring of all vessels 50 feet in length or more is prohibited.

i. Deer

(a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

(b). Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Jan. 31

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside

EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbits when duck season is closed and EXCEPT CLOSED to squirrel hunting during the spring season.

j. Bodcau. Area Closed: Closed to all EXCEPT Youth deer hunters during the Youth Deer Hunt on designated portion.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: Sat. after 2nd Fri. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex on designated portion.

(c). Firearms either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. to the Sun. after Thanksgiving Day. Last Sat. of Oct. and Sun. after last Sat. of Oct., Mandatory Deer Check.

(d). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). Opening day of statewide season for 16 days, EXCEPT season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

(b). Youth: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days EXCEPT when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend, then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days. 4th Sat. of April for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during the youth deer hunt on designated portion and entire area 1st 2 days of modern firearms deer season EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Day after firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon: (Nighttime) Day after firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb.

v. Bird Dog Training Area: Permit required. Open all year EXCEPT CLOSED during WMA Turkey Season. Contact Minden Office for permits and information.

vi. Fishing: Nets and traps prohibited on Ivan Lake.

k. Boeuf. Area Closed: To all south of LA 4 EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when youth deer season is open. North of LA 4 open to all activities. Limited Access Area: No motorized vessels or vehicles allowed Nov. 1-Jan. 31. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 hp rating or less in the Greentree Reservoir.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day
for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. - Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. - Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Day after the close of Firearms
Bucks Only for 14 days. 2nd Sat. of Nov. for 7 days.

ii. Turkey: Opening day of statewide season for 16 days,
EXCEPT season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT
CLOSED during Deer Firearms Either-sex season, and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be
open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and
dogs allowed for squirrel hunting ~~1st Sat. of Jan.~~ the day after the last deer firearms season
(bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb. Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.
On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and
dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after 3rd Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to Thanksgiving, and training
of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and ~~4th~~
~~Sat. of Jan.~~ the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of
Feb.

1. Buckhorn. Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all
EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer hunters.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit; and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 14 days.

(f). Youth and Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: check map for location. Access restricted. Call Monroe or Baton Rouge Offices for further details.

(g). Youth Lottery: ~~Last consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Oct., 2nd Weekend in November, Fri., Sat. and Sun. following Thanksgiving,~~ 2nd weekend and last consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec. and 1st consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by pre-application lottery only.

(h). Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined: ~~Last consecutive Sat. and Sun. In Oct., 2nd weekend in Nov., Fri., Sat. and Sun. following Thanksgiving,~~ 2nd & 3rd weekend of Dec. and 1st consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined. PCHP permittees only.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex gun hunts and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

m. Bussey Brake. Area closed to all hunting activity. Recreational fishing and all other allowed non-consumptive uses only.

n. Camp Beauregard. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit. No hunting in Restricted Areas. Swimming in Twin Lakes prohibited. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. ~~Contact the Wildlife Field office for specific details.~~
Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters and Permitted Disabled Veterans Hunters Sat. and Sun. preceding Veterans Day.

i. Deer:

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth Deer Hunt: Sat. and Sun. preceding Veterans Day, either-sex on designated portion of the WMA.

(c). Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt: Sat. and Sun. preceding Veterans Day, by lottery only, either-sex on designated portion of the WMA. Call Minden office for details and application.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Dec. 26-Jan. 1.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station. and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days Self-Clearing Permit. Mandatory Deer Check. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

ii. Turkey: Opening day of statewide season for 9 days, EXCEPT season will open for 10 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT CLOSED to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. after Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Last consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. to last day of Feb.

v. Fishing: Special regulations to be posted at Twin Lakes.

o. Clear Creek. Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth Deer Season is open. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

(b). Youth Deer Hunt: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check and Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after close of Primitive Season to Thanksgiving Day, and 2nd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1. ~~Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after the last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.~~

(e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after 1st either-sex

firearms weekend for 7 days. Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). Mon. after 2nd Sat. of April for 21 days.

(b). General Lottery: Opening day of statewide season

for 2 days, 2nd Sat. of April for 2 days.

(c). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide

season.

iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT

CLOSED during either-sex gun hunts and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open 1st Sat.

of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for

squirrel hunting the day after firearms bucks only season closes to the last day of Feb.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after firearms bucks only season

closes to the last day of Feb.

p. Dewey Wills. Limited access area, no motorized vessels or

vehicles allowed from November through January. Area Closed: to all EXCEPT Youth and

Physically Challenged Deer Hunters during the Physically Challenged and Youth Deer Hunt

only on that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Physically Challenged and Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex. Only that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to Physically Challenged and youth deer hunters. The remainder of the area is open to all.

(c). Youth Lottery: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, 1st Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, 2nd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, and 3rd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, either-sex. Contact Opelousas Office (337-948-0255) for details and applications.

(d). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit. No hunting allowed in the greentree impoundment or within 100 feet of the greentree levee if duck season is in progress.

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(f). Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat of Dec. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). General Lottery: Opening day of statewide season for 2 days, 2nd Sat. of April for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Physically Challenged and Youth Deer Season north of the Diversion Canal and the entire area during the either-sex firearm hunt EXCEPT waterfowl hunting will be allowed in the greentree impoundment during the firearm either-sex season and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after Firearms Bucks-Only season ends to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles

are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel 1st Sat. of Oct.-3rd Sun. of Nov., and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

iv. Raccoon

(a). Nighttime: day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

(b). Nighttime Chase only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take season only.

v. Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

vi. LARTO TRACTS: All season dates on Larto Tracts (see WMA map) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to ARCHERY ONLY. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

q. Elbow Slough.

i. Mourning Dove: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only during Sept. and Oct. of the outside season, EXCEPT by lottery only opening weekend of 1st split. Applications available at Minden office and online. Contact Minden Pineville office for details.

ii. Rabbit: Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. Beagles allowed.

iii. All other seasons closed. Non-toxic (minimum size #6) shot only for all hunting. All motorized vehicles prohibited.

r. Elm Hall. Self-clearing permits required for hunters only. ATVs/UTVs prohibited.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either sex.

(b). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days.

(c). Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and the 4th Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(d). Primitive Firearms: Next to last Sat. in Jan. for 2 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearm seasons for deer, beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after the close of primitive firearms to the end of Feb. and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

s. Floy Ward McElroy. Access restricted. Contact Monroe Wildlife Field Office at 318-343-4045 for information.

i. Deer

(a). Youth Lottery: ~~Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, 2nd Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, 3rd Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, and 1st Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, either sex.~~ 2nd weekend and last consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec., and 1st consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan., either-sex. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

(b). Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Lottery: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex. Restricted to wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

(c). Beyond Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW)

Lottery Deer Hunt: ~~2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either sex.~~ Any weekend prior to youth lottery hunts and except weekend of Physically challenged wheel-chair hunt. Hunt restricted to those that have successfully completed the Becoming an Outdoors Woman Deer Management Course. Must be Hunter Education certified. Contact LDWF Education Section, 318-343-1241, for more information.

(d). — Youth Mourning Dove Hunt: Second weekend of the Mourning Dove Season (Saturday and Sunday only beginning at noon. Gate opens at 11:00 AM).

t. Fort Polk-Vernon. Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. Telephone 337-531-5222 or 337-531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at <http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunt2/hunt/default.htm>. Self-clearing permit required daily for all activities. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Information on open areas and special ATV regulations can be accessed at the following website: <http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunt2/hunt/default.htm>. Hunters are cautioned not to pick up any foreign material or objects while hunting on the WMA. Also, it is mandatory for hunters to check the open area maps, located at check stations, daily for sudden closures. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles Office for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

i. Deer:

(a). Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Area, check locally at Building 2396 on 22nd St., either-sex deer legal the entire season. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

(b). Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 7 days, Self-

Clearing Permit required.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days,

and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to

Thanksgiving Day, 2nd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

ii. Turkey: Same as outside.

(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide

season.

iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT

CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and EXCEPT CLOSED to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Hunter Orange or blaze pink must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days and Jan. 2 to the last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters

from beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1. Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from Jan. 2 to the end of Feb. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of hunter orange or blaze pink and wear a "Hunter Orange" or "Blaze Pink" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

v. Fishing: Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

vi. Experimental Hunting Area: Refer to Fort Polk WMA Hunting Map: Small game and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Mon. after Thanksgiving Day to last day of Feb. in Mill Creek 2 Alpha (MC2A) and Mill Creek 2 Bravo (MC2B) Mill Creek Unit. This area will be closed to deer and hog hunting during this time.

u. Grassy Lake. Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

(b). Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms (either-sex): 2nd Saturday of Dec. for 2 days ~~Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.~~

ii. Turkey: Opening day of statewide season for 9 days, EXCEPT season will open for 10 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

v. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Wildlife Field Office.

vi. Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

vii. Crawfishing: March 15-July 31. Recreational only. 100 pounds per person daily. No nets or traps may be left overnight.

v. Hutchinson Creek.

i. Deer: Same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.

ii. Turkey: Same as outside.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon: 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan to the Last day of Feb.

w. J. C. Sonny Gilbert. Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters. Experimental Quality Deer Season: A legal antlered deer shall be defined as deer with at least 4 points on one side. To be counted as a point, a projection must

be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point. See season dates below.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day

for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check Fri. after Thanksgiving.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Day after close of Firearms

Bucks Only for 14 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). General Lottery: Opening day of statewide season for 2 days, 2nd Fri. of April for 3 days, 3rd Fri. of April for 3 days, 4th Fri. of April for 3 days, 1st Fri. of May for 3 days.

(b). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season. General Lottery (15 Kid Draw, 1 day)

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Mon. closest to Jan. 15 the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Sat. of Jan. the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to last day of Feb.

v. Sport Fishing: Restricted to rod and reel, and pole fishing only. All other gear prohibited.

x. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Closed from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk. Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed year round. See WMA map for specific location.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

(b). Youth: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

~~Youth: Same as outside.~~

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit. ~~Firearms: Same as outside, still hunt only.~~

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms (either-sex): 2nd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days and Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan for 7 days.

ii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms ends to the last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

~~All Other Game: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, still hunt only. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.~~

~~iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms ends to last day of Feb. — Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.~~

iv. Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

y. Lake Boeuf. Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities. Self-Clearing Permit available at Theriot Canal boat landing off LA 308. Hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) for all game, EXCEPT deer may be hunted until one-half hour after sunset. All nighttime activities prohibited. ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules are prohibited.

i. Deer

(a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

(b) Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Jan. 31

ii. Waterfowl: Same as outside.

iii. Small Game: Nov. 1 - Feb. 28 and OPEN to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited November and December.

z. Lake Ramsey. All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads and designated parking areas.

i. Deer

(a). Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

ii. Turkey: Opening day of statewide season for 16 days, EXCEPT season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. after Jan. 1 to last day of Feb.

iv. Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads, EXCEPT ATVs allowed for hunters retrieving downed deer or feral hogs.

v. Bird Dog Training Area: Open all year EXCEPT CLOSED during WMA Turkey Season. Contact Hammond Office (985-543-4777) for information.

aa. Little River

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Oct. for 16 days.

(c). Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: Opening day of statewide season for 16 days, EXCEPT season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

iii. Raccoon

(a). Nighttime: Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

(b). Nighttime Chase Only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take seasons only.

iv. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Mon. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

bb. Loggy Bayou. Limited Use Area: Small game same as rest of WMA. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(c). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT youth hunt only on opening Saturday of first split of dove season (following regulations for Youth Deer Hunt on WMAs), and EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 1 Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 1 Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.

cc. Manchac. Limited Access Area: No internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15

either-sex.

ii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT steel

shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

iv. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

dd. Marsh Bayou.

i. Deer: Same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.

ii. Small Game: Same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel 1st Sat. of Oct.-Feb. 28, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iii. Raccoon: 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan to the Last day of Feb.

ee. Maurepas Swamp. Type A personal watercraft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are 8 feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Maurepas Swamp WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day Weekend, from sunrise to sunset

~~only. No person shall operate such watercraft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.~~ Camping limited to tent camping in designated areas. See WMA map for locations. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of Nature Trail. Benchmark Closure: Area Closed to all deer hunting when USGS water level gauge CRMS 5373, available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/la/nwis/rt> is at or above 3.0 ft. msl and reopens to deer hunting when water levels recede to 2.5 ft. msl following a closure. Motorized vehicles prohibited on Crusel Tract (see WMA map for Crusel Tract). Limited Use Area: Small game same as outside except shotgun only. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location. Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Hammond Office for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

i. Deer

- (a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.
 - (b). Youth: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.
 - (c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, and Sun. Self-Clearing Permit
 - (d). Firearms Bucks Only: 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.
- Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days and Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan for 7 days.

ii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days during either-sex firearms hunts and CLOSED during youth deer season and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms ends to the last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms ends to last day of Feb.

iv. Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

ff. Pass-A-Loutre. Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, feral hog hunting and camping only. Permits available at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters, Camp Canal and all designated camping areas. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Camping allowed ONLY in designated areas. See self-clearing permit station at headquarters and WMA map for designated camping areas. Vessels/Vehicles: All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels powered by more than 36 total horsepower prohibited. Operation of mud boats and air-cooled propulsion engines prohibited after 2:00 p.m. Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, EXCEPT allowed after 2:00 p.m. in South pass, Pass-a-Loutre, Southeast Pass, Loomis Pass, Dennis Pass, and Cadro Pass. Limited Access Area: Operation of internal combustion engines prohibited from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15,

~~either sex.~~ Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1- Feb.15

(b). Youth Shotgun, ~~either sex~~ bucks only; second to last

Sat in Oct. for 2 days.

(c). Deer Shotgun: Bucks only may be taken with shotguns with either slugs or buckshot from the day after the first split of the duck season closes for seven days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles prohibited October through last day of waterfowl season.

iii. Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 - Feb. 28. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs, or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16 - March 31. Hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs Feb. 16 - March 15. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

iv. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

gg. Pearl River. Shooting range: Self-clearing permit not required but all range users must obtain a daily check-in validation slip at the range upon sign-in at the range. For dates, time or more information call 985-643-3938 or www.honeyisland.org. Type A

~~personal watercraft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are 8 feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Pearl River WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day Weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such watercraft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.~~ No loaded firearms or hunting within 100 yards of Boardwalk. All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:00 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting except waterfowl hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. **Crawfish:** ~~Commercial crawfishing prohibited. Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.~~ Area Closed: To all hunters EXCEPT Youth Hunters during Youth deer hunt

i. Deer:

- (a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.
- (b). Youth Deer Hunt: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.
- (c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.
- (d). Firearms Bucks Only: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.
- (e). Primitive Firearms: 2 Sats. prior to Thanksgiving for 7 days and day after firearms bucks only season closes for 14 days.

ii. Turkey:

- (a). General Lottery: Opening day of statewide season for 2 days.

(b). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED the Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days during either-sex firearms hunts for deer, and closed during youth deer hunt, and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and EXCEPT CLOSED Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, and during youth deer hunt north of U.S. Hwy. 90.

v. Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

vi. Crawfish: Commercial crawfishing prohibited. Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

~~All roads closed 8 p.m. 4:00 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting except waterfowl hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs.~~

hh. Peason Ridge. ~~Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. Telephone 337-531-5222 or 337-531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at~~

<http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunt2/hunt/default.htm>. Self-clearing permit required daily for all activities. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Information on open areas and special ATV regulations can be accessed at the following website:

<http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunt2/hunt/default.htm>. Hunters are cautioned not to pick up any foreign material or objects while hunting on the WMA. Also, it is mandatory for hunters to check the open area maps, located at check stations, daily for sudden closures.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex

EXCEPT restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

(b). Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 7 days. Self-

Clearing Permit required.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days,

and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to

Thanksgiving Day, 2nd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

ii. Turkey: Same as outside.

(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide

season.

iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT

CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and EXCEPT CLOSED to squirrel hunting

during the spring season. Hunter orange or blaze pink must be worn when bucks only gun hunts

for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days and Jan. 2 to last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1. Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from Jan. 2 to the end of Feb. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of hunter orange or blaze pink and wear a "Hunter Orange" or "Blaze Pink" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

ii. Pointe-Aux-Chenes. All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT fishing adjacent to the road side of Island Road. Possession of more than one daily limit of fish/crab/shrimp while on the WMA is prohibited. Nighttime use of vessels to access any other areas of the WMA, other than the immediate roadside of Island Road is prohibited. Self-Clearing Permit required for deer and feral hog hunting only EXCEPT required for all activities on Point Farm Unit. Self-clearing permits available at Grand Bayou Boat Launch and at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle School. Hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) on all game EXCEPT for youth lottery deer hunts. Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with LDWF, Coastal and Non-Game Resources Division. Parking of vehicles on levees prohibited.

Vessels/Vehicles: All boats powered by internal combustion engines having total horsepower above 25 Hp are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue, Grand Bayou Blue, St. Louis Canal, and Bayou Pointe-aux-Chenes unless authorized by LDWF. All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules are prohibited.

Limited Access Areas: Operation of internal combustion engines prohibited from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

i. Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 - Feb. 28. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs, or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16 - March 31. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs. All Point-aux-Chenes Property EXCEPT Point Farm Unit and Restricted Areas

ii. Deer

(a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

(b). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

(c). Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 9-15

iii. Waterfowl: Same as outside.

iv. Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during bucks only firearms season and OPEN to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited October through December.

v. Recreational Fishing: The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately.

vi. Shrimp: may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 lbs. per boat or vehicle per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 lbs. per boat or vehicle per day (heads on) may be taken for bait.

vii. Oyster Harvesting: PROHIBITED.

viii. Fish: may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.

ix. Crabs: may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

x. Crawfish: may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 lbs. per person per day. Gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

xi. Point Farm Unit (Pointe-aux-Chenes). Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities on Point Farm Unit. An approximately 1,000-acre area inside the Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA boundary and Point Farm ridge levee, and is bounded on the east and south by the Point Farm ridge levee. The boundary of Point Farm is more accurately marked with signs. Point Farm gate will be open all Saturdays during the month of February, weather permitting. Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. EXCEPT for mourning dove hunting, (provided for below) all other hunting activities closed until after the last day of youth deer hunts.

(a). Deer

(i). Youth Lottery (either-sex): Oct. 7-8 & 14-15, daily youth hunt permit required. Call the New Iberia Field Office, Coastal and Nongame Resources Division, 337-373-0032 for details.

(ii). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Dec. 31

(b). Waterfowl: CLOSED

(c). Small Game: Same as outside, EXCEPT CLOSED

until the day after the last youth deer hunt day and OPEN to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited October and November. Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

(d). Mourning Dove: Hunting will be permitted each day during the September split and each day of the second and third splits (AFTER the last youth deer hunt day). Shooting hours will be from 1/2 hour before sunrise until 12:00 pm (noon), EXCEPT opening day of the first split, which will be 12:00 pm (noon) until sunset. Gates will be opened on Saturdays during the first and second segments, weather permitting, EXCEPT during waterfowl season and Youth Deer Hunt weekends. Parking will be allowed in designated areas only. Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

jj. Pomme de Terre. Area Closed: To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

(b). Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days.

ii. Turkey: 4th Sat. of April for 9 days.

(a). Youth Lottery: 3rd Sat. of April for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunt for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel 1st Sat. of Oct.-Oct. 31, and Mon. after Thanksgiving for 21 days, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

v. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Wildlife Field Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

vi. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

vii. Crawfish: March 15-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs. per person daily. No nets or traps may be left overnight.

kk. Richard K. Yancey. Area Closed: ONLY that portion of the area south of Black Hawk Acme Levee Road, west of LA Hwy. 15, southward to Old River Control Structure, thence south to Sugar Mill Chute, last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth Lottery: 3rd & 4th Sat of Dec. except if the 4th Sat. is Christmas Day, then the hunt will be the 2nd & 3rd Sat. of Dec. and the 1st and 2nd Sat. in Jan except when the 1st Sat. of Jan. is New Year's Day then the hunt will be the 2nd & 3rd Sat. of Jan., either-sex.

(c). Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, AREA CLOSED ONLY that portion of the area south of Black Hawk Acme Levee Road, west of LA Hwy. 15, southward to Old River Control Structure, thence south to Sugar Mill Chute, last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.

(d). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: Last Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(f). Primitive Firearms (Either-Sex): 2nd Saturday in December for 2 days. Primitive Firearms: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days.

ii. Turkey: Opening day of statewide season for 16 days EXCEPT season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days, EXCEPT when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend, then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT

CLOSED during the either-sex firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel 1st Sat. of Oct.-Oct. 31, and Mon. after Thanksgiving for 21 days, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

v. Recreational crawfishing allowed west of the Mississippi River Levee only Mar. 15 to July 31, recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvested limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

vi. Sport Fishing and Commercial Fishing: Same as Outside EXCEPT CLOSED from 30 minutes before sunrise until 2 p.m. on: Grand Bay, Silver Lake, Lower Sunk Lake, Lac A' Sostien, Moreau Lake, and Hog Pen Lake during open waterfowl seasons.

II. Russell Sage. AREA CLOSED: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days South of I-20 only to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. North of I-20 open to all other allowable activities. Limited Access Areas: motorized vessels and vehicles prohibited: Nov. 1-Jan. 31. Nighttime activity prohibited on Wham Brake during open waterfowl seasons. Wham Brake: September 1-Jan-31 all motorized vessels prohibited 2:00pm-4:00am, and all nighttime activities prohibited during open waterfowl season. Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Highway 15 closed to all hunting, fishing, trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season, EXCEPT hunting allowed during Falconry Waterfowl

Season. ~~Youth Waterfowl Lottery: Contact the Monroe Office for details and applications.~~

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited

EXCEPT as otherwise provided. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 hp rating or

less in the Greentree Reservoirs. (Does not apply to Wham Brake).

Chauvin Tract: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only, EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only, and EXCEPT small game shotgun only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited. Wham Brake Area – Waterfowl hunting open during either-sex deer season.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, south of I-20 only.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e) Primitive Firearms: 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Monday after Firearms Bucks Only season for 7 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms deer seasons, except Wham Brake area and Pintail Alley area will remain open during either-sex firearms deer seasons, and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan. the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon.

after 3rd Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to Thanksgiving, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season. Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): 1st Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 4th Sat. of Jan. the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to last day of Feb.

iv. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 hp rating or less in the Greentree Reservoirs. (Does not apply to Wham Brake)

Chauvin Tract: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only, EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only, and EXCEPT small game shotgun only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

Wham Brake Area Waterfowl hunting open during either sex deer season.

mm. Sabine. Area Closed: That portion designated as the Physically Challenged Deer Hunting Area closed to all activities the Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 3 days to all but Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. Remainder of area closed to all activities 2nd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all but Youth Deer Hunters. Physically Challenged Deer Hunt limited to those chosen by lottery. Contact Minden Office at 318 371 3050 for more details. Contact LDWF Pineville Field office for details.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth and Physically Challenged: ~~2nd~~ 3rd Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: ~~Next to last~~ 4th Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check, Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: ~~Last Sat. of Oct.~~ day after primitive firearm season to day before Thanksgiving Day. First Sat. of December for 9 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: ~~1st Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.~~ Monday after the 4th Sat. in Oct for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). General Lottery: 2nd Fri. of April for 3 days, ~~4th Fri.~~ of April for 3 days.

iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel ~~hunting 1st Sat. of Jan.~~ Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): ~~1st Sat. of Jan.~~ Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.

nn. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east. Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only. Area Closed: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

i. Deer

(a). Same as Area 8 Deer Season EXCEPT still hunt only.

(b). Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

(c). Youth: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days, either-sex.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

~~Deer: Same as Area 8 Deer Season EXCEPT still hunt only.~~

~~Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.~~

~~Youth: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days, either-sex.~~

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from 3rd Sat. of Sept. to last day of Feb. Hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs Feb. 1 to last day of Feb.

oo. Salvador/Timken. Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, feral hog, and all activities permitted during the Experimental Nighttime Activity Season. Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou Gauche, Bayou Segnette State Park landings, and at Airboat Adventures in Lafitte. Hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) only for all game, EXCEPT deer and Experimental Nighttime Activity Season. Vessels/Vehicles: All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules prohibited. Use of mud boats powered by internal combustion engines with more than four cylinders is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other

activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. AREA CLOSED: During the month of October to all activities EXCEPT fishing, Youth Deer Hunters and Youth Waterfowl Hunters, if the latter is provided for.

i. Deer

(a). Archery (either-sex): Nov. 1 - Jan. 31

(b). Youth (either-sex): Last 4 Sats. of Oct. for 2 days each EXCEPT when the last Sat. is the 31st in which case the season will be the 1st four Sats. of Oct. for 2 days each, either sex.

(c). Firearms (either-sex): Fri. before Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

(d). Firearms (bucks only): Mon. before Thanksgiving Day for 28 days.

(e). Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Day after Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

ii. Waterfowl: Same as outside.

iii. Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED October through December. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 1 - Feb. 28.

iv. Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 - Feb. 28. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs, or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16 - March 31. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

v. Recreational Fishing: The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

vi. Shrimp: may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 lbs. per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 lbs. per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately.

vii. Fish: may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes.

viii. Crabs: may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

ix. Crawfish: may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 lbs. per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

x. Experimental Nighttime Activity Season:

(a). 12 a.m., June 1 through official sunrise Aug. 15.

Nighttime activities LIMITED to the take of frogs and fishing with a rod and reel. All other nighttime activities prohibited. Daily limit of 50 frogs per vessel in aggregate (bull frogs/pig frogs). If engaged in frogging on or while traversing the WMA, all frogs in possession will be deemed to have been taken from the WMA. At no time may anyone possess more than one daily limit of frogs while on the water.

(b). Size Limit: (Measured from the tip of the muzzle to the posterior end of the body between the hind legs). Bull frogs harvested must be 5 inches or larger. Pig frogs harvested must be 3 inches or larger.

(c). Check out portion of self-clearing permit must include boat registration number under the comments section. Possession of firearms while participation in any experimental nighttime activity is prohibited.

pp. Sandy Hollow. No hunting with any firearm south of Jackson Road, except school board tract, on days of scheduled field trials. Dates of field trials are listed on the check stations or can be obtained from the Hammond office (985-543-4777). Area Closed: North tract closed to all hunters 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.

i. Deer

(a). Youth/Physically Challenged: 1st Sat. of Nov. For 2 days, either-sex, North Tract only.

(b). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

(d). Primitive Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, 4th Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, and the 1st Sat. of Jan. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: Opening day of statewide season for 16 days, EXCEPT season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days and Youth/Physically Challenged hunt, and open to

squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

v. Mourning Dove: 1st day and 2nd Sat. through end of 1st split. Closed remainder of 1st split. Second and third splits are same as outside EXCEPT Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment. Hunt restricted to youths younger than 18 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

vi. Bird Dog Training: Mon. after opening day of Mourning Dove Season to the Sun. before opening of Quail Season and Feb. 1 to last day of Feb., EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and EXCEPT blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

vii. Bird Dog Training Area: An area has been designated to allow use of released birds for dog training purposes. Open all year EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season and opening weekend of the 1st segment of dove season. Contact Hammond Office (985-543-4777) for information.

viii. Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Hammond Office.

ix. Horseback Riding: Self-clearing Permit required.

Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails (see WMA map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. Horse-drawn conveyances prohibited.

qq. Sherburne. The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed EXCEPT specified lottery hunts, within the levee system of the farm from the Fri. before the 1st lottery youth deer hunt on the South Farm until the close of the day after the last lottery duck hunt on the South Farm. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed by lottery only during the open regular duck hunting season. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations. No hunting allowed within the levee system of the farm. Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days EXCEPT to Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters and South Farm closed to all hunters EXCEPT youth lottery deer hunters. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Opelousas or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons as listed below. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Waterfowl Hunting Area: Access restricted. Call Opelousas or Baton Rouge Offices for further details. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

(b). Youth and Physically Challenged: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Self-Clearing Permit.

(c). Youth Lottery: Last Sat. and Sun. of Oct., 4th Mon. of Dec., and 1st and 2nd Sun. of Jan. EXCEPT no hunt on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve, either-sex. Contact Opelousas Office 337-948-0255 for details and applications.

(d). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days Mandatory Deer Check and Sun. after Thanksgiving, Self-Clearing Permit, and 2nd Fri. after Thanksgiving for 8 days, Self-Clearing Permit. ~~2nd Fri. after Thanksgiving for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check, and 2nd Sun. after Thanksgiving for 6 days, Self Clearing Permit.~~

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(f). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks only for 7 days.

ii. Turkey: Mon. after 3rd Sat. of April for 5 days.

(a). General Lottery: 3rd Sat. of April for 2 days.

(b). Youth Lottery: 2nd Sat. in April

iii. Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Firearms Either-Sex Deer and EXCEPT spring squirrel season will be open the 1st Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel 1st Sat. of Oct.-Oct. 31, and Mon. after close of 2nd Firearms

Either-sex deer season for 9 days, EXCEPT closed last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

iv. Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Firearms Either-Sex Deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. South Farm waterfowl hunting limited to one hunt per calendar week per person. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex from the last Saturday of October until the day after the last Waterfowl hunt on the South Farm. Contact the Wildlife Field Office for details and description of "South Farm."

(a). Youth Waterfowl Lottery: Contact Opelousas Office for details and applications.

(b). Disabled Veterans Waterfowl Lottery: Contact Opelousas Office for details and applications.

v. Quail: CLOSED

vi. Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

vii. Crawfishing: March 15-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized water craft allowed on farm complexes. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Wildlife Field office for specific details.

viii. Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

ix. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office, telephone 225-765-2931. No trespassing in restricted areas behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

x. Bird Dog Training Area: Open to bird dog training all year EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season, and opening weekend of 1st and 2nd segments of dove season.

rr. Soda Lake. Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on LA 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou and LA 169 adjacent to levee. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT:

i. Deer

(a). Archery Only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

ii. Small Game: Portion West of Twelve Mile Bayou same as outside, falconry only and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, Falconry only. Portion east of Twelve Mile Bayou open same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel ~~1st Sat. of Jan.~~ Sat. before Christmas to end of Feb. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

ss. Spring Bayou. Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters. No hunting allowed in Headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at

campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15

either sex.

(b). Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day,

Mandatory Deer Check, Sat. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms

Bucks only for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). Youth Lottery: 4th Sat. of April for 2 days.

iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT small

game CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Waterfowl to remain open during

either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of

May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel

hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day

after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

v. Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday

EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day and EXCEPT gill or trammel nets or the

take or possession of grass carp are prohibited. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Wildlife Field Office. CLOSED until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: ~~Same as outside EXCEPT only allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.~~

Same as outside EXCEPT only allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, EXCEPT during early TEAL SEASON, recreational fishing allowed after 10 a.m.

vi. Crawfish: March 15-July 31. Recreational only, 100 lbs.

per person per day.

~~No hunting allowed in Headquarters area.~~

~~Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.~~

tt. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. Self-Clearing Permits required for all activities. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed except as otherwise specified.

~~Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.~~

i. Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Turkey: Same as outside.

iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

~~No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed except as otherwise specified.~~

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

uu. Thistlethwaite. Restricted Area: Small game hunting allowed with shotgun only loaded with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel. Deer hunting allowed by archery only. Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, EXCEPT to Youth Deer Hunters. All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only.

i. Deer: Mandatory Deer Check for all deer seasons EXCEPT archery. 10-year Experimental Quality Management Season:

Seasons 2013-2014 through 2017-2018 will be structured under the following seasons:

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

Youth Deer Hunt: Last. Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either sex.

Firearms Either sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: Monday after last Firearms Either Sex for 7 days.

Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

Seasons 2018-2019 through 2023-2024 will be structured under the following seasons:

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

(b). Youth Deer Hunt: Last. Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-Sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, 1st Saturday of Dec. for 9 days, and 4th Saturday of Dec. for 2 days. ~~Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.~~

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: 4th Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

Monday after the last Either-Sex Firearm hunt in Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms (Either-Sex): 2nd Saturday in

November for 2 days and Monday after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days. Primitive

Firearms: 2nd Sat. of Nov. for 2 days and Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

ii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting February 1-28.

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only.

vv. Tunica Hills. Area Closed: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters. Camping limited to tents only in designated areas.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only, Oct. 16-Jan. 31, either sex.

(b). Youth Hunt: 1st Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 17 days. Fri. after Thanksgiving Day Mandatory Deer Check, remainder of season Self-Clearing Permit.

ii. Turkey: Mon. after 3rd Sat. of April for 7 days.

(a). General Lottery: Opening day of statewide season for 2 days, 2nd Sat. of April for 2 days, 3rd Sat. of April for 2 days.

(b). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season.

~~Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Youth Deer Hunt and Primitive Firearms Deer Hunt and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs, South Tract only. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.~~

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Youth Deer Hunt and Primitive Firearms Deer Hunt and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs, South Tract only. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 3rd Saturday of Oct. for 7 days and Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area (South Tract Only), training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.

~~Camping limited to tents only in designated areas.~~

ww. Walnut Hills.

- i. Deer: Same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.
- ii. Turkey: Same as outside.
- iii. Small Game: Same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season 1st Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1st Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel 1st

Sat. of Oct.-Feb. 28, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iv. Raccoon: 2nd Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1st Sat. of Jan to the Last day of Feb.

xx. West Bay. Area Closed: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. Limited USE Area: Small game same as outside EXCEPT shotgun only. Deer hunting - Archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: 3rd Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

(b). Youth & Physically Challenged: Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, for physically challenged and youth hunters only.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days
Mandatory Deer Check and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after close of Primitive Season to Thanksgiving Day, and 2nd Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1. Firearms Bucks Only: Day after firearms either sex season in Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3rd Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after 1st either-sex firearms weekend for 7 days. Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

ii. Turkey:

(a). General Lottery: Opening day of statewide season for 2 days, 2nd Sat. of April for 2 days, 3rd Sat. of April for 2 days.

(b). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts and Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, 1st Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

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§113. General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. General Regulations. Only gobblers (male turkeys) may be taken. Taking of hen (female) turkeys, including bearded hens, is prohibited; still hunting only. Use of dogs, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead, #2 non-toxic, or BB steel shot, and

approved archery equipment but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. The running of coyote with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closures. No person hunting turkeys more than 200 yards from a baited area will be in violation of the turkey baiting regulation.

B. Tags

1. Prior to hunting turkeys, all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain turkey tags and have them in their possession while turkey hunting. Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must attach a carcass tag to the turkey before it is moved from the site of the kill and must document the kill on the turkey harvest report card. The date of kill and parish of kill must be recorded on the carcass tag. The tag must remain attached to the turkey while kept at camp or while it is transported to the domicile of the hunter or to a cold storage facility. Hunters who keep the carcass or meat at a camp must also comply with game possession tag regulations. Within 72 hours of the kill, the hunter must report the kill.

Hunters may report turkeys by calling the validation phone number or using the validation website.

2. Turkey hunters purchasing licenses by phone or internet will be given an authorization number and a LDWF identification number that will serve as their license and tags until the physical license and tags arrive by mail. Turkey hunters who have purchased a license with tags, but have not yet received their physical license and tags, must immediately tag their kill with a possession tag before moving it from the site of the kill. The authorization number and LDWF identification number must be recorded on the possession tag. Hunters must retain documentation of any turkeys killed and upon receiving their physical tags and harvest report card, validate their kill as required in these regulations. The tags for turkeys killed prior to receiving the physical tags must be removed from the turkey harvest report card and discarded.

3. Tags removed from the turkey harvest report card prior to killing a turkey are no longer valid and if lost will not be replaced. Duplicate tags and turkey harvest report cards are available to replace lost report cards and attached tags. Hunters will be charged a fee for duplicate turkey harvest report cards and tags. Hunters that have killed a turkey prior to losing their remaining tag and harvest report card must remove and discard the duplicate tag to account for the original tag that was used and validated. Hunters must record any previously validated turkey on the duplicate turkey harvest report card.

C. Possession of Live Wild Turkeys. No person shall take live wild turkeys or their eggs from the wild. No person shall possess captive live wild turkeys, (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*, *M.g. osceola*, *M.g. intermedia*, *M.g. merriami*, *M.g. mexicana*) or their eggs, regardless of origin, without a valid game breeder license. No pen-raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

D. **Statewide Youth and Physically Challenged Season Regulations.** Only youths 17 years of age or younger or hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youth younger than 16 years of age. Adults accompanying youth may not possess a firearm or bow. Youths may possess only one firearm or bow while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Only one gobbler per day may be taken and any gobbler taken by the hunter during this special season counts towards their season bag limit of two.

E. **Shooting Hours**—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

F. **Turkey Hunting Area Descriptions**

1. **Area A**

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Beauregard;

ii. Bienville;

iii. Claiborne;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

iv. East Baton Rouge;

v. East Feliciana;

vi. Grant;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates;

vii. Jackson;

viii. LaSalle;

ix. Lincoln;

x. Livingston;

xi. Natchitoches;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

xii. Pointe Coupee;

Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal, and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

xiii. Rapides;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

xiv. Sabine;

xv. St. Helena;

xvi. Tangipahoa;

xvii. Union;

xviii. Vernon;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

xix. West Baton Rouge;

xx. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island);

xxi. Winn.

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

- i. Allen—north of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder;
- ii. Avoyelles—that portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee southward;
- iii. Calcasieu—north of I-10;
- iv. Caldwell—west of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line;
- v. Catahoula—south and west of the Ouachita River from the Caldwell Parish line southward to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, north and west of LA 8 from Harrisonburg to the LaSalle Parish line, also that portion lying east of LA 15;
- vi. Evangeline—north and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 west of LA 115 to US 167, west of US 167 south to LA 10, north of LA 10 west of US 167 to LA 13, west of LA 13 south of LA 10 to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;
- vii. Franklin—that portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro;
- viii. Iberville—west of the Mississippi River;

Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

- ix. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;

x. Madison—that portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80. Also, all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xi. Morehouse—west of US 165 from the Arkansas line to the junction of LA 140 at Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165 at Bastrop, south of US 165 to junction of LA 3051 (Grabault Road) south of LA 3051 to junction of LA 138, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134, north of LA 134 to the Ouachita Parish line;

xii. Ouachita—all west of the Ouachita River. That portion east of the Ouachita River lying north of US 80;

xiii. Richland—that portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;

xiv. St. Landry—that portion bounded on the west by the west Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River;

Exception: the Indian Bayou area; see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou area dates.

xv. Upper St. Martin—all within the Atchafalaya Basin; in addition, that area bounded on the North by LA 352; on the West by LA 349, to LA 3039, to LA 347, to the Catahoula Hwy. (LA 96), to LA 679, to LA 345; and on the South by LA 3242;

Exceptions: Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou area, see WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou dates.

xvi. Tensas—that portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605,

604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry; also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

2. Area B

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Ascension;
- ii. Bossier;
- iii. DeSoto;
- iv. Red River;
- v. St. Tammany;
- vi. Washington;
- vii. Webster.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

- i. Caddo—all except that portion north of I-20 from the Texas state line to I-220. west of I-220 to LA 1. west of LA 1 to Caddo Lake, south of Caddo Lake to the Texas state line;
- ii. East Carroll—east of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;
- iii. Iberville—all east of the Mississippi River;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

3. Area C

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Concordia.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

- i. Caldwell—all east of the Ouachita River;
- ii. Catahoula—all of the parish except for that portion located in area A;
- iii. Franklin—west of LA 17 from the Richland Parish line southward to Winnsboro, west of LA 15 southward to the Catahoula Parish line;
- iv. Iberia—east of the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee;
- v. Richland—west of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Road, south of Ringle Road to Ferguson Road, south of Ferguson Road to Little Road, south of Little Road to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line;
- vi. Tensas—east and south of US 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

4. Turkey season dates on wildlife management areas, national wildlife refuges, Kisatchie National Forest and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land located within areas A, B, and C may vary from the season set for the parish in which they are located. Seasons for these lands are specified in LAC 76:XIX.115.

G. WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

1. WMAs with youth turkey hunts are closed to all activities except turkey hunting by authorized youth hunt participants, shooting range use, and fishing on the day(s) of the youth hunt.

2. Rules Specific to Certain WMAs

a. Sandy Hollow. No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

b. Sherburne. All turkeys taken must be checked at the WMA headquarters.

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§115. Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits

A. Daily limit is one gobbler. Season limit is two gobblers. Turkeys taken on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey may be taken during spring WMA lottery hunts.

B. Turkey season will open on the first Saturday in April. The area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the area C turkey season will be 16 consecutive days in length. Wildlife management areas, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. On those years when the first Saturday in April falls the day before Easter, then the season will open the Friday before the first Saturday in April.

C. Statewide youth turkey and physically challenged season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the start of the regular turkey season. On those years when the weekend prior to the start of regular turkey seasons falls on Easter weekend, then the youth and physically challenged season will open on Good Friday.

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§117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits

A. Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	<u>South Zone:</u> <u>Sept. 1-9</u> <u>Oct. 6-Nov. 25</u> <u>Dec. 16-Jan. 14</u> <u>Sept. 2-10</u> <u>Oct. 7-Nov. 26</u>	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possessio n Limit
	Dec. 17-Jan. 15 North Zone: Sept. 1-23 Oct. 6-Nov. 11 Dec. 16-Jan. 14 Sept. 2-24 Oct. 7-Nov. 12 Dec. 17-Jan. 15		
Woodcock	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	3	9
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 15-30	6	18
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 15-30 Nov. 11-Jan. 3 Nov. 10-Jan. 2.	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 15-30 Nov. 11-Jan. 3 Nov. 10-Jan. 2.	25 (in aggregate)	75 (in aggregate)

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Gallinules	Sep. 15-30 Nov. 11-Jan. 3 <u>Nov. 10-Jan. 2.</u>	15	45
Snipe	Coastal Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 3 <u>Nov. 2-Dec. 2</u> Dec. 16-Feb. 28 <u>Dec. 15-Feb. 28</u> West Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 3 <u>Nov. 2-Dec. 2</u> Dec. 16-Feb. 28 <u>Dec. 15-Feb. 28</u> East Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 3 <u>Nov. 2-Dec. 2</u> Dec. 15-Feb. 28	8	24
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	Coastal Zone:	Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may	Three times the daily bag limit.

	Nov. 4-5 (youth only)	include no more than 4	
	Nov. 11-Dec. 3	mallards (no	
	Dec. 16-Jan. 21	more than 2	
	West Zone:	of which may	
	Nov. 4 (youth only)	be females),	
		2	
	Nov. 11-Dec. 3	canvasbacks,	
	Dec. 16-Jan. 21	1 mottled	
	Jan. 27 (youth only)	duck, 1 black	
		duck, 3 wood	
	East Zone:	ducks, 3	
	Nov. 11 (youth only)	scaup, 2	
		redheads, and	
	Nov. 18-Dec. 3	+ 2 pintails.	
	Dec. 16-Jan. 28	Daily bag	
	Feb. 3 (youth only)	limit on coots	
		is 15.	
	Coastal Zone:	Daily bag	
	Nov. 3-4 (youth only)	limit on	
		mergansers is	
	Nov. 10-Dec. 2	5, only 2 of	
	Dec. 15-Jan. 20	which may	

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	<u>West Zone:</u> <u>Nov. 3 (youth only)</u> <u>Nov. 10-Dec. 2</u> <u>Dec. 15-Jan.20</u> <u>Jan. 26 (youth only)</u> <u>East Zone:</u> <u>Nov. 10 (youth only)</u> <u>Nov. 17-Dec. 2</u> <u>Dec. 15-Jan. 27</u> <u>Feb. 2 (youth only)</u>	be hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.	
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross') and White-Fronted Geese	<u>North Zone:</u> <u>Nov. 4 Dec. 3</u> <u>Dec. 16 Feb. 11</u> <u>South Zone:</u> <u>Nov. 4 Dec. 3</u> <u>Dec. 16 Feb. 11</u> <u>North Zone:</u>	Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20.	No possession limit on Light Geese (snow,

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	<u>Nov. 3-Dec.2</u> <u>Dec. 15-Feb. 10</u> <u>South Zone:</u> <u>Nov. 3-Dec. 2</u> <u>Dec. 15-Feb. 10</u>	Daily bag limit on White- Fronted Geese is 2.	blue, and ross') Possession limit on White- Fronted Geese is 6.
Canada Geese	<u>North Zone:</u> <u>Nov. 4-Dec.3</u> <u>Dec. 16-Jan. 31</u> <u>South Zone:</u> <u>Nov. 4-Dec. 3</u> <u>Dec. 16-Jan. 31</u> <u>North Zone:</u> <u>Nov. 3-Dec.2</u> <u>Dec. 15-Jan. 31</u> <u>South Zone:</u> <u>Nov. 3-Dec. 2</u> <u>Dec. 15-Jan. 31</u>	1	3

B. Conservation Order for Light Geese Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross')	<p><u>North Zone:</u></p> <p>Dec. 4-15</p> <p>Feb. 12-</p> <p>Mar. 11</p> <p><u>South Zone:</u></p> <p>Dec. 4-15</p> <p>Feb. 12-</p> <p>Mar. 11</p> <p><u>North Zone:</u></p> <p><u>Dec. 3-14</u></p> <p><u>Feb. 11-</u></p> <p><u>Mar. 10</u></p> <p><u>South Zone:</u></p> <p><u>Dec. 3-14</u></p> <p><u>Feb. 11-</u></p> <p><u>Mar. 10</u></p>	No daily bag limit.	No possession limit.

C. Extended Falconry Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
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Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully- dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	Sept. 15-Oct. 1	Falconry daily bag and possession limit for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 and 9 birds, respectively, singly or in aggregate, during the extended falconry seasons and regular hunting seasons.
Woodcock	Nov. 2-Jan. 31	
Rails and Gallinule	Nov. 2-Jan. 31	
Ducks	Nov. 3-Jan. 31	

D. Dove Hunting Regulations

1. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on opening day of the first split on wildlife management areas and on fields leased through the LDWF experimental dove field leasing program, where hunting will be from 12 p.m. to sunset, except for Elbow Slough Wildlife Management Area which will be open one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

2. There is no bag limit on Eurasian collared-doves or Ringed Turtle-doves provided that a fully feathered wing and head remain attached to the carcass of the bird. Fully dressed Eurasian collared-doves and ringed turtle doves (those without a fully feathered wing and head naturally attached to the carcass) shall be included in the aggregate bag.

3. The following boundary divides the dove season zones: beginning at the Texas-Louisiana order on LA Hwy. 12; thence east along LA Hwy 12 to its intersection with U.S.

Hwy 190; thence east along U.S. Hwy 190 to its intersection with I-12; thence east along I-12 to its intersection with I-10; then east along I-10 to the Mississippi state line.

E. Snipe Hunting Regulations. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except at the Spanish Lake recreation area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours, including the conservation end at 2 p.m.

F. Conservation Order for light geese. Only snow, blue, and Ross' geese may be taken under the terms of the conservation order. Electronic calls and unplugged shotguns allowed. No daily bag or possession limit. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

G. Canada Goose Season Closure. The Canada goose season will be open statewide except for a portion of southwest Louisiana described as follows: beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along LA Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal Canal to its juncture with LA Hwy. 82, then south along LA Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at LA Hwy. 82. Open waters of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River, from the Hwy 14 bridge southward, will also be closed.

H. Statewide Youth Waterfowl Season Regulations. Only youths 17 years of age or younger may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived

for youth younger than 16 years of age. Adults accompanying youth may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 42:1130 (July 2016), amended LR 43:1427 (July 2017), LR 44:

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Provider Impact Statement

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed Rule until 9:00 PM, Thursday, March 1, 2018 to Tommy Tuma, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 or via e-mail to ttuma@wlf.la.gov.

Chad J. Courville

Chairman



Feral Hog Transport Regulations Notice of Intent

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LDAF Feral Swine Transport Regulations

- LDAF has implemented a Board of Animal Health RULE banning the transport of feral swine without first obtaining a Feral Swine Authorized Transporter permit from LDAF.
- Live feral swine can only be legally transported by permit holders to:
 - Approved Feral Swine Holding Facilities (LDAF Permit)
 - Quarantine Feedlots
 - State or federally inspected slaughter facilities
- This RULE is only enforceable by LDAF.

LDAF Feral Swine Definition

- **"Feral Swine"- any hog, pig, or swine species (*Sus scrofa*) including, but not limited to Russian and European wild boar and their hybrids that are running at large, free roaming, or wild upon public or private lands in this state, and shall also include any hog, pig, or swine species that has lived any part of its life running at large, free roaming, or wild. The term feral swine shall also include any feral phenotype swine, whether or not running at large, free roaming, or wild.**

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
Feral Hog Trapping
(LAC 76:V.130)

- **C. Feral hogs shall not be transported alive unless done so by a feral swine authorized transporter registered with the Board of Animal Health of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, who has proof of said registration in his/her possession.**
- **1. Feral hogs being transported in violation of this rule will be confiscated and disposed of in accordance with LDWF policy.**



Notice of Intent

- If the Commission ultimately adopts this verbiage as rule, it will allow LDWF Enforcement Agents to cite people transporting feral hogs illegally (without proper LDAF documents).
- This will have no effect on people moving feral hogs legally (with proper LDAF documents).



Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Proposal

Myron Fischer | January 4, 2018

How did we get here

- An EFP allows activities that would otherwise be prohibited by federal fishery regulations
- September 2017 - NMFS asked the five Gulf states submit an EFP for a pilot program
 - For limited testing, data collection, exploratory fishing, and other purposes
 - NOT a substitute for management
 - Allow states to take the lead on management activities for reef fish on artificial reefs
 - Encourages states to propose methods for monitoring abundances of fishes



Louisiana Habitat-Based Exempted Fishing Permit

- Red Snapper only
- Test a state management concept
- Test the use and validation of near real-time landings data to manage and provide full accountability
- Includes:
 - Private anglers
 - State guides
 - Federal for-hire captains
- Evaluate potential differences in effort and catch over types of hard structure offshore of Louisiana:
 - Oil and gas platforms
 - Artificial reefs
 - Natural bottom



Details

- Time frame: Two years (2018 and 2019)
- Location: Entire coast of LA out to 200 NM
- Start: Friday before Memorial Day (May 25, 2018)
- Quota:
 - Private – 743,000 pounds
 - For-Hire – 317,000 pounds
- Monitoring method: LA Creel, ROLP website and smartphone app, electronic logbook (federal for-hire captains)
- Season closure: By Commission or Secretarial action when LA Creel projects a recreational fishery component has either landed or is approaching quota
- Descending devices: use is encouraged for release of both undersized and out of season Red Snappers



Participation Details

- Participation is voluntary
- Requirements:
 - Valid Louisiana Saltwater Fishing License
 - Recreational Offshore Landing Permit (ROLP)
- Angler can be domiciled in states other than Louisiana
- Vessel registration is required per federal EFP guidelines



Reporting Details

This project will test real-time electronic data reporting.
Reporting would be voluntary.

- Private anglers and state guides would report through the ROLP smartphone app or website.
- Federal for-hire captains would report through the LDWF Electronic Charter Pilot Logbook Program.



Daily Restrictions

- Anglers must abide by existing federal size limit regulations, currently 16 inches for Red Snapper.
- The program will have a two fish per day bag limit.



Season Structure

- Private angling season: three day weekends beginning on May 25, 2018; will include Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, if applicable; will run until the private angling quota is met.
 - State guides can only fish in state waters on three day weekends beginning May 25, 2018 and holidays.
- Federal for-hire season: will begin on May 25, 2018 and run continuously on weekdays and weekend days until the federal for-hire quota is met.
- State water seasons would run concurrently with the EFP seasons.



Private Anglers – Angler in Charge Only Voluntary

- The angler in charge is the angler that registers the trip and is responsible for reporting all data for all anglers on that trip and providing all information, such as vessel number and marina of departure.
- Prior to a trip, the angler in charge would register a trip date (can be up to 5 days in length) and indicate expecting time and location of landing.
- Trips can be registered up until midnight on the day prior to departure.



Private Anglers – Angler in Charge Only Voluntary

After a trip, the angler in charge would report the following:

- Number of anglers on the trip
- The number of Red Snapper landed during the trip
- The number of undersized Red Snapper released by all anglers on the trip
- The number of Red Snapper released NOT due to being undersized
- Location (oil field area, e.g. West Delta WD, Ship Shoal SS, East Cameron EC, etc.) of fishing activity
- Average bottom depth of water
- Whether Red Snapper harvest came from an artificial reef, natural bottom, or standing platform.



Federal For-Hire Captains Voluntary

Would report the following through the LDWF Electronic Charter Pilot Logbook Program:

- Vessel information, name, registration, license and permit numbers
- Date and time of trip
- Departure and return location and if public or private facility
- Number of anglers and crew
- Number of hours fished
- Region fished
- Target species
- Hours fished
- Declaration of species, species and number landed and discarded alive and dead.



To Be Clear

- Private anglers and for-hire captains must indicate on their ROLP application that they wish to participate in this Habitat Based EFP.
- Private anglers and for-hire captains must include the vessel number they will be fishing from when prompted on their ROLP app.
- A copy of the ROLP must be on the vessel while fishing under the EFP. If enforcement stops a vessel fishing for red snapper during the EFP season and a copy of the ROLP indicating the anglers are participating in the EFP is not on board, the anglers may be deemed as fishing out of season.



Analysis

- LDWF and LSU will analyze the utility of user supplied data furnished through an online smartphone application.
- LDWF will analyze the utility of the CLS America logbook program we are conducting under grants.
- LDWF will analyze the data associated with different habitat types under the EFP.



Next Steps

- In 2020, at the conclusion of this project, LDWF may make recommendations to the Commission on angler reported data and for-hire logbook data.
- LDWF may make recommendations to the Commission and the Artificial Reef Council on data analysis.



QUESTIONS?



Exempted Fishing Permit Application

Date: January XX, 2018

Applicant: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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Introduction:

Opportunities for recreational anglers to harvest the popular Red Snapper, *Lutjanus campechanus*, in federal waters have been greatly reduced in recent years. While Red Snapper populations in the northern Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) are healthier and more abundant than they have been in decades, the private recreational season for Red Snapper in waters of the federal Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) was shortened from 365 days in 1996 to 9 days in 2014, 10 days in 2015, and 9 days in 2016 (plus an extra 2 days due to severe weather). The 2017 season was initially 3 days, but the Secretary of Commerce extended it for an additional 39 days. The for-hire industry has also suffered from truncated seasons. The for-hire industry has not had a Red Snapper season longer than 50 days since 2010. In 2014, for-hire captains had an all-time low of 9 days available to take clients fishing for Red Snapper.

These recent shortened recreational Red Snapper seasons in the EEZ are the product of several factors including increasing catch rates and fish sizes, implementation of a protective 20 percent buffer on the annual catch limit (ACL) to account for management uncertainty, longer recreational Red Snapper seasons in state waters throughout the Gulf, and difficulty in predicting recreational landings. While the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) and state landings data collection programs have improved in recent years, most do not provide the real-time data needed to actively manage recreational seasons in both state and federal waters.

Many recreational anglers and for-hire captains who pursue Red Snapper are dissatisfied with the short federal Red Snapper seasons and reduced fishing opportunities for this species in federal waters. In addition, Louisiana's coastal communities, the recreational fishing industry, and associated businesses (bait and tackle shops, marinas, restaurants, gas stations, etc.) have expressed concern over economic loss due to fewer anglers traveling to coastal areas to go fishing. To assist in alleviating these concerns, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has increased fishing opportunities by opening recreational Red Snapper seasons in state waters; however, these state seasons are largely inconsistent with federal

recreational Red Snapper seasons in the EEZ, only partly address the issues, and do not allow equal access to all Louisiana anglers and for-hire captains.

LDWF proposes to evaluate an alternative to the fixed season approach currently used to manage Red Snapper recreational harvests. LDWF is requesting an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) to test a state-based management approach that allows harvest in federal waters off Louisiana. Harvest would be monitored through Louisiana's existing recreational landings data collection program (LA Creel) combined with new electronic reporting methods. LA Creel would provide the official landings statistics for all EFP participants. The EFP would test the validity of new electronic reporting methods, a smartphone application and website for private anglers and an electronic logbook for for-hire captains. Landings will be monitored in near real-time and the seasons will be closed when landings approach or reach the Louisiana quota, based on landings estimates from LA Creel. This approach would maximize management flexibility and fishing opportunities for Red Snapper for private anglers and for-hire captains in Gulf waters off Louisiana while constraining recreational harvest to the given quota.

Statement of Purposes and Goals:

The purpose of this EFP is to test a state-based management approach. Recreational fisheries differ across the Gulf. Louisiana proposes a unique management strategy tailored to the needs of the Louisiana recreational fishing community. To accomplish this goal, we will test the use of validated, near real-time landings data to flexibly manage and provide full accountability for both the private angling and for-hire components of the recreational Red Snapper fishery in Louisiana as an alternative to the current Gulf-wide fixed season approach. The goal is to use LA Creel and associated electronic reporting methods to monitor private recreational and for-hire landings of Red Snapper in near real-time and apply authority of the LDWF Secretary or the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) to close the season when the quota is approached or met. As part of this goal, we will evaluate the feasibility and adequacy of these programs to not only effectively monitor landings but also provide other data needed by fishery managers and stock assessment biologists.

This project will:

- Provide private anglers and for-hire captains greater flexibility in fishing over a longer period of time.
- Provide managers with near real-time landings data.
- Evaluate potential differences in effort and catch over the types of hard structure offshore of Louisiana. Results could inform future management options or fishery independent sampling (e.g. depth/distance regulations, hypoxia effects on distribution, etc.).
- Compare the catch and biological differences from captures on Louisiana's Artificial Reef Program structures to that of oil and gas platforms and natural bottom features.
- Allow a comparison of electronic reporting and creel surveys for both management efficiency and angler acceptance in a single time frame.

Fishing Activities under the Proposed EFP:

LDWF proposes a two-year study under this EFP; the fishing periods would be calendar years 2018 and 2019 and will include set time frames within those calendar years. Under this EFP, recreational anglers would be permitted to fish Red Snapper in Louisiana's Artificial Reef Zones and Special Artificial Reef Zones, standing oil and gas platforms, and natural bottom features located in the state territorial sea and the adjoining federal EEZ, from shore to 200 nautical miles, during seasons established by the LDWF Secretary or LWFC. Program guidelines for all anglers are in Appendix A.

LDWF will manage the areas under this EFP as one unit, and will recommend that the LWFC set a simultaneous season opening date of the Friday before Memorial Day (May 25, 2018 and May 24, 2019) for both state and federal waters and both the private angling and for-hire components. LDWF will recommend that the private angling season be composed of three-day weekends as well as Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day holidays, if applicable, and be open until their portion of the quota is landed. LDWF will recommend that the for-hire component's season run seven days per week until their portion of the quota is landed.

LDWF will set Louisiana's quota based on the state's historical and projected share of the total annual Gulf recreational Red Snapper ACL. Using the formula established in Reef Fish Amendment 40 ($50\% * (1986-2005, 2007-2009, 2011-2013) + 50\% * (2007-2009, 2011-2013)$), the Louisiana quota would equate to 743,000 pounds for the private angling component and 317,000 pounds for the for-hire component. The quota of each component will be monitored through LA Creel and electronic reporting. The LDWF Secretary or LWFC will close each component's season in all areas for the remainder of the year when the component's share of Louisiana's quota is projected to be met, according to landings estimates from LA Creel. Any component landings exceeding the specified quota in year one will be deducted from that component's quota in year two, if the overall quota is exceeded.

The fish captured under this EFP would not increase the total recreational Red Snapper landings in Louisiana over the state's historical share of Gulf-wide recreational harvest. Therefore, there would be no additional biological impacts on Red Snapper or other managed or unmanaged species as harvest would be the same as what is normally be landed in Louisiana.

Participants are not required to land their fish in Louisiana. Participants must abide by all licenses and permits required by the state where they are landing their catch. To avoid double counting, anglers are required to report their catch to the state where they are landing their catch.

Participation in the study would be voluntary. Eligible anglers and for-hire captains would include those that hold both a valid Louisiana Saltwater Fishing License and a Recreational Offshore Landing Permit (ROLP), including those domiciled in states other than Louisiana. The ROLP is free but required to land many offshore species, including Red Snapper. LDWF implemented this requirement to be able to better quantify and characterize the private

anglers and for-hire captains that fish offshore. Anglers fishing aboard a for-hire vessel are not required to obtain a ROLP as they are covered by the ROLP issued to the for-hire vessel captain.

An angler in charge (typically a vessel owner or operator) or a for-hire captain would indicate their preference to participate in the EFP by logging onto the ROLP smartphone application or website and stating they both wish to fish for Red Snapper and agree to dockside sampling at a public or private facility, when feasible. If the angler in charge/for-hire captain decides to participate, they will be directed to another field requiring their vessel registration. Participant names will be forwarded to NOAA Fisheries periodically throughout the season. If a vessel is not participating in the EFP, they must abide by the federal regulations in place by NOAA Fisheries.

Participating anglers must abide by the federal minimum size limit (currently 16 inches) and 2 fish bag limit during all fishing activities as well as stipulations and guidelines set forth by LDWF and the EFP, including monitoring and reporting protocols.

Electronic reporting of catch would be voluntary but encouraged so that we can evaluate data obtained from these methods and compare them with official landings estimates provided through LA Creel. Private recreational anglers would have the option to report catch through the ROLP smartphone application or website. Federally permitted for-hire captains will be encouraged to report catch via a CLS America Samsung tablet with the LDWF Electronic Charter Pilot Logbook Program installed and active on their fishing vessel. The costs associated with these logbooks are covered by an existing electronic reporting grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). State for-hire captains (those without a federal for-hire reef fish permit) will be included in this study; however, they shall not fish outside of Louisiana's territorial sea (measured 9 nautical miles from the low tide baseline). While these captains are not eligible to participate in the LDWF Electronic Charter Pilot Logbook Program, they would be able to report catch via the ROLP smartphone application or website. All participants will be subject to periodic, random landings monitoring through LA Creel, the official landings data collection system for the EFP.

If a private angler or state for-hire captain opts to participate in electronic reporting, the angler in charge of the vessel (vessel owner or other) shall use the ROLP smartphone application or website to declare a trip to fish Red Snapper in the areas authorized under this EFP, no more than five days prior to departure, but at least one day prior to departure, and indicate the expected time and location at which any Red Snapper would be landed. LDWF will then issue the vessel an official trip identification number. This unique number would be valid for those days only and cover all anglers on board that vessel for that trip. The angler in charge shall carry this number onboard the vessel for which it was issued for validation purposes. Upon returning from the trip, the angler in charge shall report fishing activities for all anglers on board that vessel for that trip to LDWF via the ROLP smartphone application or website, even if no Red Snapper are harvested. Reports would include the number of Red Snapper landed and discarded (or lack of Red Snapper landings), number of anglers in the party, fishing location, and depth. This angler in charge would not be able to receive additional trip identification numbers until he submits the requested data. If the vessel has an open trip identification

number and lands fish in another state, they shall report via Louisiana's ROLP smartphone application or website that their activities concluded in another state.

Federally permitted for-hire vessels have the option to report their catch through the LDWF Electronic Charter Pilot Logbook Program. LDWF has partnered with CLS America to test this program. Captains shall hail out on the provided Samsung notepad. At the conclusion of the trip, captains shall record and submit catch (including discards) and effort information. A complete list of information is listed in Appendix A.

All participants (private anglers and for-hire captains) would be required to participate in LA Creel dockside surveys at public and private facilities and associated online and phone effort surveys. LA Creel data fields are located in Appendix B. When a LA Creel dockside sampler intercepts an angler or captain who states he is participating in the EFP or who has Red Snapper on board, the sampler will record the vessel number. Vessel numbers will be matched with those entered through the electronic reporting methods. The data sets from LA Creel and the electronic reporting methods will be statistically analyzed. LA Creel data will provide official landings estimates for both the private angling and for-hire components, be used to monitor each component's progress toward the quota, and be used to validate data from the electronic reporting methods.

LDWF will report landings under the EFP to NOAA Fisheries as they are available. Currently, LA Creel information is available about two weeks after a survey week ends. We expect to maintain this reporting rate; if we experience data management issues in the first few weeks of the new reporting system, the available data will be updated as the new system information is developed.

Participants would be required to participate in any online, mail, or phone surveys conducted by LDWF, such as socioeconomic surveys to determine important indicators of angling experience and angler compliance with regulations.

Louisiana reserves the right to halt this study based on landings approaching Louisiana's quota or enforcement or budgetary concerns. If the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's (Gulf Council) Louisiana Reef Fish Management Plan is implemented prior to the end date of this study, LDWF may amend the EFP and conclude the study. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the EFP may be grounds for revocation, suspension, or modification of the EFP by NOAA Fisheries with respect to all persons and vessels conducting activities under the EFP. NOAA Fisheries may close recreational fishing in the entire Gulf when the Gulf ACL is met regardless if Louisiana has reached its quota.

Justification for Issuance of the EFP:

A recent study by Karnauskas et al (2017), based on data collected in 2007 and 2011, indicates that oil and gas platforms attract mostly young Red Snapper that make up only 1.8 percent of the Red Snapper biomass in the Gulf. The age of Red Snapper inhabiting Louisiana oil and gas platforms largely ranges from 3 to 8 years. Artificial reefs hold 10.8 percent of the Gulf Red

Snapper biomass, mostly off Alabama. Most Louisiana anglers harvest Red Snapper from these structures; this harvest will neither have a significant negative impact on the population as anglers are harvesting from a very limited percentage of biomass nor affect the older individuals in the spawning population. This EFP will also provide information that may be used to update the evaluation provided by Karnauskas et al (2017) in terms of age structure on different habitat types as LA Creel dockside samplers will record total and fork length, weight, and area caught and will remove otoliths for age analysis. Participants will also be required to report habitat type fished via the electronic reporting methods.

Section 318(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) requires NOAA Fisheries to “promulgate regulations that create an expedited, uniform, and regionally-based process to promote issuance, where practicable, of experimental fishing permits.” 16 U.S.C. § 1867(d). NOAA Fisheries accordingly promulgated such regulations in 50 C.F.R. § 600.745. These regulations authorize the NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator to “authorize data collection” of the “target or incidental harvest of species managed under an FMP or fishery regulations that would otherwise be prohibited” 50 C.F.R. § 600.745(b) (1). The NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator has the authority to approve the EFP sought by this application. LDWF seeks this EFP to engage in testing of a regional form of management coupled with electronic reporting methods for the recreational sector. The NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator can thus authorize “out-of-season” recreational harvest by anglers that would otherwise be prohibited by NOAA Fisheries regulations.

The results of this EFP could inform future management decisions. Some recreational anglers and for-hire captains in Louisiana and across the Gulf are generally dissatisfied with the way marine recreational fisheries are currently managed. This EFP would test one alternative approach that could increase flexibility and expand access for recreational anglers and for-hire captains. Louisiana has an existing quota monitoring program (LA Creel) that can be used to benchmark the data collected via electronic reporting methods under the EFP to better quantify differences intrinsic to different data collection methods.

This EFP could also help achieve the management objectives set forth in the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) prepared by the Gulf Council. One FMP objective is to “establish a fishery reporting system for monitoring the reef fish fishery.” This EFP would test and evaluate new electronic reporting methods for the private angling component and the approved logbook for the for-hire component, both of which could provide near real-time accounting for landings.

The EFP could help achieve certain MSA requirements. In particular, National Standard 1 requires NOAA Fisheries to prevent overfishing while achieving optimum yield on a continuous basis. 16 U.S.C. § 1851(a)(1). The alternative management approach that would be tested under this EFP could address both aspects of this requirement. By using this technology to improve monitoring and reporting of recreational landings, electronic reporting validated by dockside samplers could help better project recreational landings to maximize fishing opportunities and minimize the likelihood of overfishing quotas.

In addition, National Standard 10 requires NOAA Fisheries to “promote the safety of life at sea”. 16 U.S.C. § 1851(a)(10). By allowing anglers and for-hire captains to fish during an extended season when they want to go fishing, instead of during short fishing seasons that may span times of rough weather, this EFP could help promote safety of life at sea.

Finally, there is no increase in fish harvest associated with this proposal. Louisiana would forego the separate season within state jurisdiction. The EFP essentially would use fish normally landed during the state season, so there would be no additional landings from Louisiana.

Vessel Information for Vessels Participating in the EFP:

When an angler in charge or a for-hire captain indicates their preference to participate in the EFP, they will specify one affiliated vessel (including license/registration information and owner contact information), although reasonable allowances would be made for changes to this declared vessel. LDWF would periodically provide NOAA Fisheries with a list of private and for-hire vessels who have volunteered and agreed to participate in the EFP. NOAA Fisheries would thus have a complete list of vessels that could potentially be fishing under this EFP.

Species Expected to Be Harvested under the EFP, Amount of Harvest, Disposition of Regulated Species, and Anticipated Environmental Impacts (including impacts on fisheries, marine mammals, threatened or endangered species, and essential fish habitat):

This EFP would authorize the harvest of Red Snapper by recreational anglers in the Gulf during each of the years 2018 and 2019 taken from artificial reefs, oil and gas platforms, and natural bottom. Fishing will commence on the Friday before Memorial Day each year. The season for the private angling component will include three-day weekends as well as Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day holidays, if applicable. The season for the for-hire component will run seven days per week. The LDWF Secretary or LWFC will close each component when LA Creel landings data indicate the component’s quota is met or projected to be met. This quantity of fish would come from the state’s historical and projected share of total Gulf recreational landings, as previously described. Accordingly, the quantity of fish harvested under this EFP would otherwise be available for harvest by recreational anglers in state waters and would not impact the state’s total landings. LDWF would require that all fish harvested under this EFP not be sold, consistent with current requirements applicable to all reef fish harvested by the recreational sector.

Since the quantity of fish landed under this EFP would be consistent with Louisiana’s historical landings and overall fishing effort is not likely to change significantly under this EFP, existing analyses of recreational fishing impacts under the current FMP should not change as a result of this EFP. There should be no additional environmental impacts on other managed or non-managed species, protected resources, or habitat during the timeframe of this EFP. The EFP could marginally reduce discards by authorizing retention of fish caught out of season that would otherwise be discarded. The entire vertical line recreational fishery for reef fish throughout the Gulf is estimated to result in 125 sea turtle interactions annually, or 250 takes over a two-year period. The number of angler days under this EFP would be very similar to the numbers of angler days for Red Snapper fishing in state waters; therefore, any changes to sea

turtle interactions are likely negligible. The Gulf reef fish bottom longline/hook-and-line gear is classified in the 2017 Marine Mammal Protection Act List of Fisheries as Category III fishery. This classification indicates the annual mortality and serious injury of a marine mammal stock resulting from the fishery is less than or equal to 1 percent of the potential biological removal. Dolphins are the only species documented as interacting with this fishery. Bottlenose dolphins may prey upon the bait, catch, and/or released discards of the reef fish fishery.

Approximate Times and Places Fishing Will Take Place Under the EFP:

Fishing would occur under this EFP in Louisiana territorial sea and in adjoining federal waters of the Gulf out to 200 nautical miles during 2018 and 2019. If the EFP is approved, both the private angling and for-hire seasons would open the Friday before Memorial Day. The private angling season will include three-day weekends as well as Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day holidays, if applicable. The for-hire season will run seven days per week until that component of the quota is landed. The LDWF Secretary or LWFC will close each component when LA Creel landings data indicate the component's quota is met or projected to be met.

Signature of the Applicant:

Patrick Banks

Assistant Secretary

Office of Fisheries

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Date

Appendix A PROGRAM GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

Possession of a Louisiana Recreational Offshore Landing Permit (ROLP) and a Louisiana Saltwater Fishing License. Program sample frame will include all private anglers and for-hire captains who hold an ROLP for the 2018/2019 calendar years and who indicate they want to volunteer for this study. Anglers and captains do not need to be residents of Louisiana.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Participating anglers and for-hire captains must agree to abide by the following program guidelines:

1. Obtain all applicable licenses and permits prior to participating in the program.
2. Show proof of valid Louisiana Saltwater Fishing License and ROLP.
3. The EFP season will commence on the date specified by the LDWF Secretary or LWFC but must occur during the same time that state waters are also open for Red Snapper harvest.
4. The EFP season for each component will end when that component's portion of the recreational quota for Red Snapper for that calendar year is projected to be taken OR when the NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator projects the Gulf-wide recreational quota has been met, even if Louisiana's quota has not been fully harvested.
5. Anglers must abide by existing federal size limit regulations in place for the year the fish are harvested (currently 16 inches).
6. The program will have a two fish daily bag limit.
7. At no time shall the number of Red Snapper onboard the declared vessel exceed the total sum of all bag limits.

Private recreational anglers:

If opting to participate in electronic reporting,

1. An angler in charge (vessel owner or operator) shall notify LDWF via a department-approved electronic reporting method when taking a fishing trip for Red Snapper during the EFP season to obtain a trip identification number. Notification must be no more than five days prior to leaving the dock but must be made at least one day prior to leaving the dock. Any changes to trip information must be updated immediately. Angler must provide the following:
 - a. Trip date (if multiple dates are planned each date must be provided)
 - b. Landing location or site
 - c. Vessel registration.
2. Upon return from his trip, the angler in charge shall report the following information via a department-approved electronic reporting method. He will not be able to obtain another trip identification numbers until he reports these data.
 - a. Trip date
 - b. Number of anglers on the trip
 - c. The number of Red Snapper landed (even if none were harvested) during the trip

- d. Number of undersized Red Snapper released by all anglers on the trip
- e. Number of other released Red Snapper **NOT** included in undersized releases
- f. Location (oil field area i.e. West Delta WD, Ship Shoal SS, East Cameron EC, etc.)
- g. Average depth of water
- h. Whether Red Snapper harvest came from an artificial reef, natural bottom, or standing platform

If the vessel has an open trip identification number and lands in another state, the angler in charge shall submit via Louisiana's electronic reporting methods that their activities concluded in another state. If an angler in charge has an open trip identification number (did not submit the above data), he will not be able to request a trip identification number for his next trip, just like a trip that concludes in Louisiana.

Participants must take part in any dockside, phone, or online interviews by LDWF staff, such as LA Creel or socioeconomic surveys.

Participants are encouraged to use a barotrauma reduction device. Use of the device is at the discretion of the angler.

Federal for-hire captains:

If opting to participate in electronic reporting,

1. Shall possess a qualified electronic Samsung logbook provided by CLS America in conjunction with the LDWF Electronic Logbook Charter Pilot Program.
2. Shall hail out prior to leaving for a trip.
3. Shall record the following catch and effort information upon return as required in logbook:
 - a. Vessel information, name, registration, license and permit numbers
 - b. Date and time of trip
 - c. Departure and return location and if public or private facility
 - d. Number of anglers and crew
 - e. Number of hours fished
 - f. Region fished
 - g. Target species
 - h. Hours fished
 - i. Declaration of species, species and number landed and discarded alive and dead.

Landings will be tracked via electronic reporting and validated through LA Creel. LDWF will report landings data from the EFP as well as state-water recreational landings data to NOAA Fisheries as they become available.

LDWF will conduct LA Creel dockside intercept surveys and phone/online effort surveys. When a LA Creel dockside sampler intercepts an angler or captain who states he is participating in the EFP or who has Red Snapper on board, the sampler will record the vessel number. Vessel

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numbers will be matched with those entered via the electronic reporting methods. The two data sets (from dockside sampling and the electronic reporting application) will be compared.

REVOCATION OF PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Failure to comply with any of the program requirements described above and agreed to by the angler/for-hire captain would result in removal of the participant from the program.

Appendix B LA CREEL DATA INPUTS

When anglers and for-hire captains are intercepted at the dock during LA Creel sampling, the following information will be collected:

- Trip Identification number
- Vessel Identification number
- Date
- Launch or marina
- Number of anglers
- Number of Red Snapper harvested
- Number of Red Snapper discarded
- Area fished
- Habitat type fished.

LDWF biologists will also collect hard parts and sex information along with fork length for Red Snapper landed. All aging is conducted by LDWF at the LDWF Age and Growth Laboratory in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



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Dear ~~Mr. Banks:~~ *Patrick*

In Senate Report 114-239, adopted by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (P.L. 115-31), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was directed to develop and support a fishery management pilot program for reef fish in designated artificial reef zones. Specifically, the report stated, "*Red Snapper Stock Assessments. -... Furthermore, within funding provided, NOAA shall develop and support a fishery management pilot program that allows States to lead reef fish management activities in designated zones over artificial reefs in the Gulf of Mexico. Not later than 60 days after enactment of this act, NOAA shall report to the Committee on how the pilot program will be implemented....*" To address this Congressional directive, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) invites your state to apply for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) that would authorize you to lead red snapper and/or other reef fish management activities in designated zones over artificial reefs in the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf).

Through EFPs, NMFS can authorize activities that would otherwise be prohibited by federal fishery regulations for limited testing, data collection, exploratory fishing, and other purposes. The regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 advise EFP applicants to submit completed application packages to NMFS that describe the purpose and goals of the EFP, as well as the activity proposed, including the areas and vessels covered by the EFP, species to be targeted, timing and type of fishing activity, expected harvest levels, and anticipated environmental impacts. NMFS encourages states to also include in their proposal methods for monitoring the abundance of reef fishes inside and immediately surrounding designated artificial reef zones. States may submit draft EFPs to NMFS for review before formal submission. Once deemed complete, NMFS will solicit public comments on each state's application through a *Federal Register* notice, and consult with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. If approved, NMFS will issue the EFP, along with any terms and conditions determined to be necessary for the conservation and management of the affected fishery resources and marine environment.

Section 407(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires NMFS to constrain red snapper recreational landings within the recreational quota. In addition, landings of all federally managed reef fish species must be constrained to their respective annual catch limits. Because we are soliciting applications for pilot programs from all Gulf states, NMFS will need to ensure overall catches are constrained to catch levels. EFP proposals should

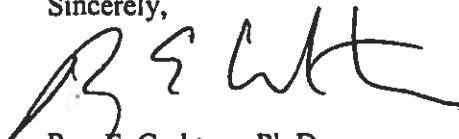


clearly specify a state's expected harvest level for each species included in the EFP and how it was calculated, as well as how the catch will be monitored.

Further guidance on developing an EFP can be found at:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/loa_efp/efp/index.html. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Susan Gerhart at (727) 824-5305 or e-mail her at susan.gerhart@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R E Crabtree', written over the printed name.

Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator

	Florida	Alabama	Mississippi	Louisiana	Texas
Study Duration	?	2 year	2 year	2 year	2 year
Start Date	May 25 th panhandle June 6 th remaining	June 1	2018	June 1	Jan 1 State ? EEZ
Bag Limit	2	2	2	2	4
Size Limit	16"	16"	16"	16"	15"
Private and State Guides	yes	yes	yes	yes	Yes
Federal For Hire	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Total Quota ACL	Avg last 10 yrs Est. 1,509,529	984,291	75,000	1,060,180	16% 1,077,280
Buffer	20% maybe	10%	10%	0%	?
ACT		886,862	?	ACT=ACL	?
Season Structure, Private	continuous	3 day weekends	3 day weekends	3 day weekends	continuous
Season Structure, For Hire	N/A	N/A	2018 ??	Continuous	continuous
Season Length	12 days each	47 days +	?	About 60 P 100 days FH	
Data System	Gulf Reef Fish Survey, MRIP, iAngler	Snapper Check	Tails n' Scales	La Creel and phone app	TPWD's Creel Survey & iSnapper
Other Features	Max 20 fathoms ??	Biomass based	Includes Triggerfish	Greatest	Vague on season openings

State Summaries listed below

Alabama

- Two year study
- 16" TL minimum size limit and two-fish bag limit
- AL will monitor the status of the local Red Snapper population on an annual basis and adjust annual harvest levels according to trends in annual population estimates
- Mandatory reporting of Red Snapper harvest through Snapper Check
- Private and state charter only, no federally permitted vessels
- The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will close the season in Alabama waters when landings are anticipated to reach or meet the catch limit
- Quota is biomass based derived from fishery independent sampling; side scan mapping, video cameras on remotely operated vehicles (ROV), otter trawls, and vertical line and bottom long lines
- Aggregate fishing mortality (F) levels of 0.10 within the area identified in this EFP request
- Alabama can sustain the recent levels of fishing mortality and as such the annual F in this study will be set at 0.1 (10% of biomass)

- EFP is for the private component only. Commercial landings are subtracted and the remaining multiplied by 57.7% to generate the private quota.
- Start date; June 1st; however, an earlier start date (i.e. just before Memorial Day weekend) may be used in 2019
- NOAA Fisheries to allocate 984,291 pounds of Red Snapper to Alabama
- 10% of the total will be deducted which will serve as a buffer leaving 886,862 as target
- The 2018 season calculated from the pounds requested within this EFP will be 47 days
- The 2018 season will encompass weekend days (Friday-Sunday) and the federal holidays of Independence Day and Labor Day.
- Fishing from private vessels and state-licensed charter vessels, no federal charter vessels
- After data inputs are complete and quota remains, Alabama may re-open their season

Mississippi

- Two year study
- The EFP will be effective the years of 2018 and 2019.
- Species includes red snapper and grey triggerfish
- MS will use the mandatory electronic reporting system, "Tails n' Scales"
- Includes for-hire and private
- Bag limit of 2 red snapper per day at 16" FL
- Bag limit of 2 grey triggerfish per day at 14" FL
- A buffer of 10% of each quota will be set
- Quota will be set at 75,000 lbs. for Red Snapper annually – no mention how they arrived at these quotas and no mention if this is before or after the buffer.
- Quota will be set at 14,500 lbs. for Gray Triggerfish annually

Florida

- Gulf Reef Fish Survey and MRIP will monitor harvest
- Anglers encouraged to report trip info on iAngler
- Regional split seasons
 - Panhandle May 25th – June 5
 - Lower coast June 6 – 17th
- Out to 20 fathoms
- Bag Limit 2
- Size Limit 16
- Quota last 10 years
- Buffer 20%
- Private and state guide vessels

Louisiana

- Two year study, 2018 & 2018

- Includes both the private and for-hire component. Note that SERO suggested only including the private. Louisiana's for-hire industry indicated that they prefer to be included.
- Start date is May 25, 2018 and May 24, 2019 for both private and for-hire.
- Private season structure: 3-day weekends plus Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day holidays, until the private quota is projected to be met.
- Charter season structure: continuous days until the for-hire quota is projected to be met.
- Percentage and poundage of quota breakdown:
 - Until changed by Council action, the total Gulf-wide ACL for 2018 will be 13.74 million pounds.
 - Total Recreational = 6.733 million pounds
 - For-hire = 2.848 million pounds X 11.13% (Farmer's spreadsheet line 88) = 0.31698 million pounds
 - Private = 3.885 million pounds X 19.13% (Farmer's spreadsheet line 80) = 0.7432 million pounds
- The EFP does not currently include a buffer.
- LA Creel is the official method of estimating catch and effort data. LDWF will monitor progress toward the quota weekly through LA Creel. LDWF has a 10-14 day delay on obtaining QA/QC'd results.
- SERO recommends that a vessel be allowed to land catch in another state.
- The Secretary or Commission will close either component's season as that component is approaching their share of the Gulf-wide quota.
- EFP objectives:
 - The EFP will test a regionalized management concept.
 - Compare catch from three types of habitat: oil and gas platforms, artificial reefs, and natural bottom.
 - Test electronic reporting methods—a phone and web application for the private component and the CLS electronic logbook for the for-hire component.
- Project boundaries will include the Louisiana Territorial Sea and adjoining EEZ out to 200 miles

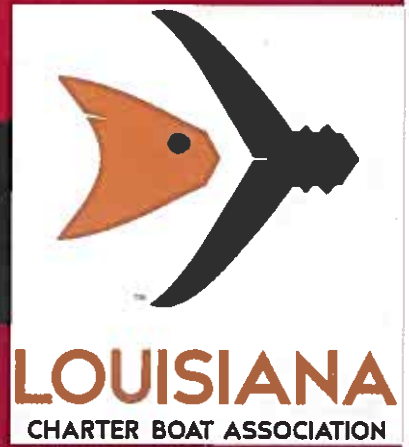
Texas

- Two year study
- Harvest is expected to be at, or below, 16% of the annual catch limit
- Summer and fall months in EEZ
- Jan 1st for state waters
- Includes private and for-hire
- Private-boat landings will be estimated by the Texas Marine Sport Harvest Monitoring Program weekly monitoring plus self-reported harvest data using iSnapper v2.0
- Headboats monitored by Southeast Region Headboat Survey

- Charter-for-hire landings will also be monitored weekly.
- The fishery will be closed when the combined estimated landings from private boats, charter-for-hire and headboats are projected to meet the quota.

Louisiana Charter Boat Association Survey

Asking Louisiana's federally-permitted charter captains whether they would prefer federal or state management



Goals of survey

- To gain a clear picture regarding the fleet's wishes for federal management or for state management.
- To be able to bring those wishes to fisheries management bodies such as LDWF, the LWF Commission and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

Why is this survey important?

- Louisiana could receive state management of the red snapper resource in two ways:
 - There is federal legislation (HR 3588 and S. 1686) that would provide state management but leave out the charter sector.
 - There is an effort in the Gulf Council (The Louisiana Plan) that would provide state management and could include the charter sector.
- The Louisiana Charter Boat Association would like to know where the fleet stands on federal vs. state management in order to properly represent Louisiana charter captains.

Important distinction to note

- Some captains own one permit.
- Some captains own multiple permits.
- Results based on both criteria will be displayed side by side.

How was the survey conducted

- By phone and in-person conversations.
 - If there was no answer, a message was left specifically asking the question and leaving a call back number.

How was the survey conducted

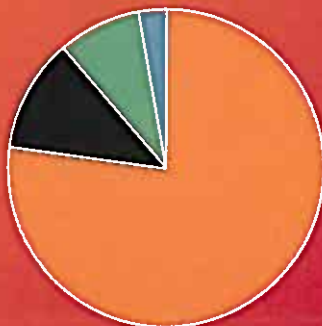
- All federally-permitted charter captains that we believe to be active were invited to participate in this survey.
 - There are 110 federal permits owned by an indeterminate number of captains/businesses in Louisiana.
 - 59 captains owning a minimum of 81 permits were invited to participate in the study.
 - 35 captains owning a minimum of 55 permits chose to participate in the study. Therefore, exactly half (55 of 110) of the state's permits participated in the study.
 - We believe that 100% or nearly 100% of our state's ACTIVE fleet was given the chance to participate in this study.

When was the survey conducted

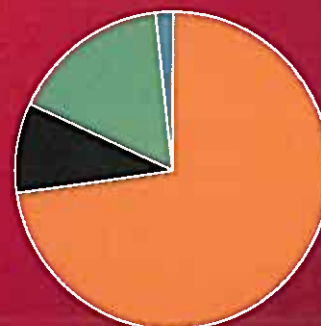
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Overall results among captains (left) and permits (right)

Captains

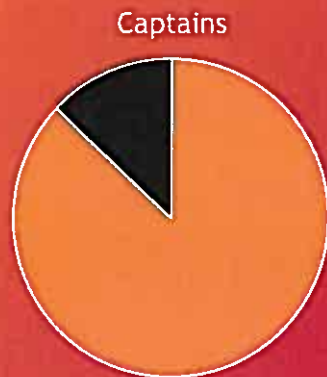


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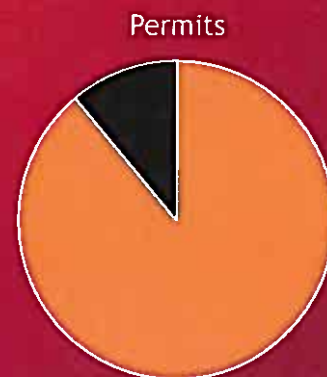


State - 27 (77%) Federal - 4 (11%) Undecided - 3 (9%) Neither -1 (3%) State - 40 (73%) Federal - 5 (9%) Undecided - 9 (16%) Neither -1 (2%)

Results among captains (left) and permits (right) who chose federal or state



State - 27 (87%) Federal - 4 (13%)



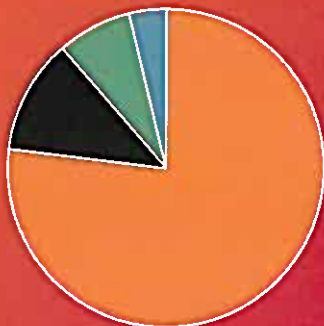
State - 40 (89%) Federal - 5 (11%)

What about LCBA captains vs non LCBA captains?

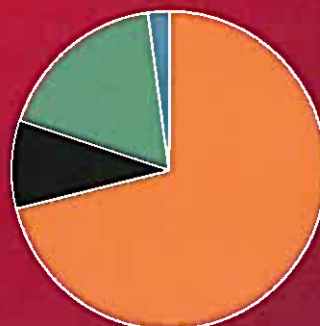
- Of the captains asked to participate in the survey, 37 captains owning 55 permits are LCBA members.
- Of the captains and permits who chose to participate in this survey, 26 captains owning 45 permits are LCBA members.

Results among LCBA captains (left) and permits (right)

LCBA captains



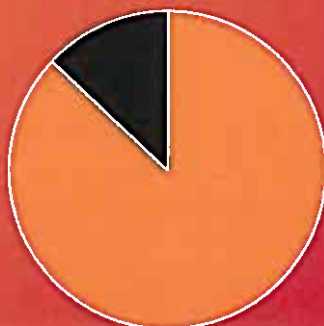
LCBA permits



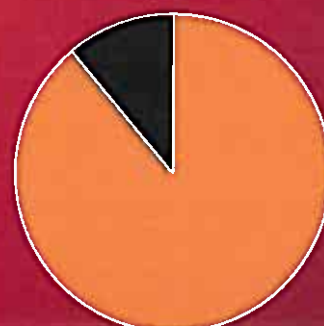
State - 20 (77%) Federal - 3 (12%) Undecided - 2 (8%) Neither - 1 (3%) State - 32 (71%) Federal - 4 (9%) Undecided - 8 (18%) Neither - 1 (2%)

Results among LCBA captains (left) and permits (right) who chose federal or state

LCBA captains



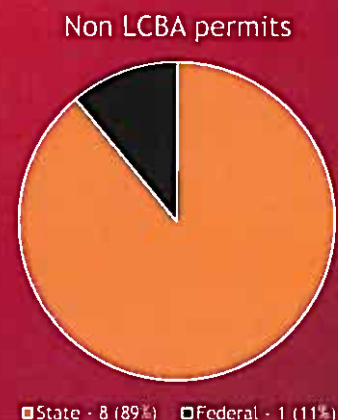
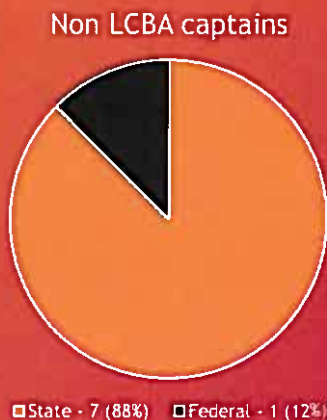
LCBA permits



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State - 32 (89%) Federal - 4 (11%)

Non LCBA captains (left) and permits (right) who chose federal or state



So what do the results tell us?

- Lots of consistency in favor of state management.
- In all all data subsets (captain or permit, LCBA or not), between 87 and 89 percent of those who picked federal or state chose state management.
 - This shows an overwhelming preference for state management within our charter fleet.
- In all data subsets (captain or permit, LCBA or not), between 71 and 77 percent of all responses were for state management.
 - This shows an overwhelming preference for state management, even among those in our charter fleet who are undecided or want neither.
- The 40 permits that chose state management as their preference make up 36% percent of the total 110 permits in Louisiana.

Conclusion

We believe the results show an overwhelming preference for state management with a large enough sample size for a more than adequate representation.

Thank you

Any questions?

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LCBA Federal/State Management Survey Results

Asking Louisiana's federally-permitted charter captains whether they would prefer federal or state management

Results presented to LWF Commission on Jan. 4, 2018 by

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Summary

The Louisiana Charter Boat Association conducted a survey of Louisiana federally-permitted charter captains between April 3-6 of 2017.

We asked captains if they would prefer federal or state management.

LCBA conducted this survey so we may:

- Gain a clear picture regarding the fleet's wishes for federal or state management.
- Be able to bring those wishes to fisheries management bodies such as LDWF, the LWF Commission and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

This survey is important because there are currently two ways in which Louisiana could receive state management of red snapper (legislation through U.S. Congress which would not include the charter sector and The Louisiana Plan through the Gulf Council which could include the charter sector). LCBA would like to know where our fleet stands on federal vs. state management in order to properly represent Louisiana charter captains.

The survey was conducted through phone and in-person conversations.

Survey participants

- All federally-permitted charter captains that we believe to be active were invited to participate in the survey.

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- 35 captains owning a minimum of 55 permits chose to participate in the study. Therefore, exactly half (55 of 110) of the state's permits participated in this study.
- We believe that 100% or nearly 100% of our state's ACTIVE fleet was given the chance to participate in the study.

Survey results

- 27 captains owning 40 permits indicated they would prefer state management.
- 4 captains owning 5 permits indicated they would prefer federal management.
- 3 captains owning 9 permits indicated they were undecided.
- 1 captain owning 1 permit indicated he wants neither.
- 22 captains owning an indeterminate number of permits chose not to respond to the survey.
- In all data sets (captain or permit, LCBA or not), between 87 and 89 percent of those who chose federal or state management chose state management.
- In all data sets (captain or permit, LCBA or not), between 71 and 77 percent of all responses were for state management.
- The 40 permits that chose state management as their preference make up 36% of the total permits in Louisiana, 73% of the survey participants and 89% of those who chose federal or state.

Conclusion

- There is lots of consistency in favor of state management among all data sets. We believe the results show an overwhelming preference for state management with a large enough sample size for a more than adequate representation.